



## District 6460 Youth Exchange

# Hosting an exchange student - FAQs for clubs & host families

**Who is eligible to host?** Any family can be eligible, Rotarians and non-Rotarian families as well. Families can have small or teenage children at home, be empty nesters, or be couples with no children. Single adults and single parents are also welcome.

**Are host families paid?** No, host families cannot be paid. However, you will be entitled to a tax deduction each month that a student stays in your home.

**What is required of a host family?** As a host family, you will provide your student with:

- The opportunity to participate in your family's daily lives and events
- The same care, support, and comfort you would offer another member of your family
- A bed. Sharing a room with a sibling of the same gender close in age is fine
- Three meals a day

**What is a host family's financial obligation?**

- Families are responsible for paying for meals and activities done as a family.
- Students are given a monthly stipend to pay for school lunches and other expenses. Their natural families provide spending money beyond that.
- Host families are not responsible for school fees.

**Do host families cover medical expenses?**

No. Students have health insurance and their natural families are responsible for deductibles.

**How long do students stay with host families?**

Depending on the club, families host from 3 to 6 months. (A student must have 2-3 host families)

**What are the rules for exchange students?**

The 4 Ds - No Drinking, No Driving, No Drugs and No Dating. These are the things that can get them sent home early. Other things include illegal activity (trespassing, shoplifting) as well as poor performance at school or a poor attitude/lack of assimilation.

**What if problems arise?** The Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor are in frequent contact with the student and host family. Back up host families should be in place in case a student needs to be moved quickly.

**Do the students speak English?** Most speak English very well. If they do not, they may be enrolled in the ELL class at the high school, or get tutoring. Most students learn very, very quickly.

**How long is the exchange student's stay in the U.S.?** Students typically arrive in mid-August and leave in mid-July.

**How old are the students who participate?**

Students range from 16-18 years old. Most students turn 17 or 18 while they are here.

**Am I the exchange student's legal guardian?**

No. The exchange student's natural parents remain legal guardians. Each student's application contains a medical release form so that host parents may secure medical treatment in the case of an emergency.

**Can we pick our own exchange student?** If a student has not yet been assigned to the club, you can let the Youth Exchange Officer know if you prefer a certain gender and they will try to accommodate your request. Students are assigned to clubs in March or April and arrive in August of the same year.

**Are host families required to be vaccinated against COVID-19?**

Yes. All exchange students and eligible host family members must be fully vaccinated according to current CDC guidelines and provide copies of vaccination cards. No exceptions.

**I have more questions or I want to sign up!**

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