*Students become global citizens while they learn a new language and discover a different culture!*

*High school students are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 40 countries!*

# rotary youth exchange

*Building peace one young person at a time.*

## WHAT IS YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Each year, more than 8,000 young people from 40 countries have the opportunity of a lifetime - to live in another country and see the world from a new perspective through Rotary Youth Exchange. This could be your year!

We offer both short term (6 to 8 weeks) and long term (11 months) exchange opportunities. As a Rotary Youth Exchange participant, you will live with host families in a country other than your own. You will learn a new way of living, maybe a new language, and come away knowing a great deal more about yourself!

As you are learning, you will also be teaching those around you as a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together, making many new friends in the process.

## TWO EASY STEPS TO APPLY!

1. **Attend the OUTBOUND INFORMATIONAL MEETING on Tues., September 23, 2025 at 6:00pm**
   **<u>In Person</u>: Onalaska Library Meeting Rm B 741 Oak Ave. S., ONALASKA, WI**
   **<u>Virtual</u>: Register online at <u>bit.ly/RYE6250</u>**

   ***Important:*** *This meeting is intended for both students and their parents/guardians.*

2. **Complete an OUTBOUND INTERVIEW on Tues., October 7, 2025 5:30-7:00pm Onalaska Public Library, 741 Oak Ave. S, Onalaska, Meeting Rooms A or B**

### QUESTIONS?


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**For more info, check this out:**

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## SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

*Rotary's reciprocal summer exchange experience*

- The Rotary Short Term Exchange Program (**STEP**) presents an opportunity for students to enhance their knowledge and worldly understanding by briefly living in a different country.
- Rotary STEP is a family-to-family exchange. After a match is established with an international family, the two students will spend one month over the summer at each other's homes, with the exact dates determined by the families.
- This program is open to Rotarian and non-Rotarian students aged 15-18 who live in the 6250 Rotary District.
- Candidates must be mature, of good character, adaptable, and desire to live abroad in another culture and host a student in return.

**Cost: $325 plus airfare**

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD

*Rotary's flagship youth exchange program*

- Rotary's long-term youth exchange program is our flagship study abroad program for juniors and seniors.
- The application, selection and preparation process begins the year PRIOR to your year abroad.
- During your academic year abroad, you will live with up to three carefully-selected families while attending a local high school.
- Youth exchange is a full-immersion program that will teach you a new language and way of living.
- You will return a bilingual, bicultural student who will be forever changed with a new perspective of the world in which you live.

**Cost: $7,150 All-inclusive**

(Averages to $20/day for 11 months!)

## BECOME A HOST FAMILY

*Open your home... and your heart... to the world!*

- Hosting an international student through Rotary's inbound exchange can be an incredibly rewarding experience for your entire family.
- Host families provide room & board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community and cultural activities.
- There are typically three host families who share they exchange year, giving each host approximately 3-4 months hosting a student.
- The local Rotary Club covers the cost of school lunches, basic cell phone and a modest monthly stipend.

**Cost to Host: Minimal**

(Extra grocery and incidental costs)