

Thank You for Your Interest

Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student is one of the most rewarding experiences a family can have. You do not need to be a Rotarian — just warm, welcoming and curious about the world. This pack explains everything you need to know about hosting an international student in your home.

What Does Hosting Involve?

- ✓ Providing the student with their own bedroom (or shared with same-gender family member)
- ✓ Including the student in family meals and daily family life
- ✓ Assisting with transport to and from school
- ✓ Providing day-to-day pastoral care and emotional support
- ✓ Maintaining regular contact with the student's Rotary counsellor
- ✓ Attending host family orientation sessions organised by District 3250
- ✓ Hosting the student for approximately 3–4 months (one rotation)

What is NOT Required

- ✗ You do not need to be a Rotarian
- ✗ You are not expected to fund the student's personal expenses or pocket money
- ✗ You do not need to speak the student's native language
- ✗ You do not need to take the student on expensive holidays or trips

The Student's Allowance

Exchange students receive a monthly pocket money allowance from their sponsor club in their home country. This is intended to cover personal expenses such as toiletries, clothing, outings and gifts. Host families are not responsible for these costs. The exact amount varies by sponsoring country and district.

Who Can Be a Host Family?

- ✓ Resident in or near Jamshedpur or elsewhere in District 3250
- ✓ Stable, safe and welcoming home environment
- ✓ At least one English-speaking adult in the household
- ✓ Spare bedroom available for the student
- ✓ Willingness to include the student fully in family life
- ✓ All adults must pass a Rotary background check (police verification)
- ✓ All adults in contact with the student must complete Rotary Youth Protection Training

Support from Rotary

You will never be alone as a host family. District 3250 provides the following support throughout the hosting period:

Pre-placement orientation	All host families attend an orientation session before the student arrives.
Rotary counsellor	Each student has a dedicated Rotary counsellor who is the first contact for any issues.
RYE Chair	The District RYE Chair is available for any concerns that need to be escalated.
Host family network	You will be connected with other host families in the district for peer support.
Emergency procedures	Clear protocols are in place for any emergency situation involving the student.

Youth Protection Policy

Rotary International places the safety and wellbeing of every exchange student above all else. All host family adults must:

Complete Rotary's online Youth Protection Training before the student arrives

Undergo police verification and Rotary background check

Never be alone with the student without another adult present (two-adult rule)

Report any safeguarding concern immediately to the Rotary counsellor or RYE Chair

Violation of Youth Protection policies will result in immediate removal from the programme and referral to appropriate authorities.

How to Apply

Complete the Host Family Application form at ryedistrict3250.org/host-families/apply. The RYE Chair will review your application and contact you within 7–10 working days to arrange a home visit and next steps.