



Rotary



Club of Elk Rapids

Study Abroad - Your World Is Waiting - Spend a Year Overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Have you ever dreamed of living in another country, learning a new language, making friends from around the world, and experiencing life from a completely different perspective?

The Rotary Club of Elk Rapids is now seeking students ages 15½ to 18 who are interested in spending the 2027–2028 school year abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

This life-changing opportunity allows students to live with host families, attend school, immerse themselves in a new culture, and serve as ambassadors for their community, state, and country.

A year abroad is much more than travel. It is an opportunity to develop independence, confidence, leadership skills, and a broader understanding of the world. Students return home with new perspectives, lifelong friendships, stronger communication skills, and memories that will last forever.

Rotary Youth Exchange students live in countries throughout Europe, Asia, South America, and beyond, gaining firsthand experience of different cultures while sharing their own traditions and experiences with others.

Many former exchange students describe their year abroad as one of the most meaningful and transformative experiences of their lives.

If you are curious, adventurous, open-minded, and ready to step outside your comfort zone, Rotary Youth Exchange may be the opportunity you have been looking for.

The Elk Rapids Rotary Youth Exchange Committee is now beginning the interview and selection process for students interested in participating during the 2027–2028 school year.

Take the first step toward the adventure of a lifetime. Your world is waiting.

Interested in learning more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program? Contact: Amanda Macaluso at amanda.macaluso@gmail.com or Sherry Steffen at sherry.lkn@charter.net