



Rotary District 5550  
Youth Exchange

October 24, 2025

Please find below some information for the long term Youth Exchange program for 2026-2027 YE year.

Clubs in District 5550 are encouraged to support YE by directing resources to promote the program to members and prospective students and host families. Most clubs find they need a budget of \$5,000 to support an Inbound student for a school year (bus pass, cell plan, weekly club meetings).

We would ask that you notify us immediately of any prospective student and arrange to carry out a club interview. Assuming that you approve of the student, a District interview will be arranged. There is also a lengthy application form provided by the District that we'll provide and guide them through. It is possible that a student may apply online first, and if so, we will refer them back to the appropriate club to set up the contact/interview process. Students participating in the 2026-2027 should complete their application process in late Fall, 2025

We understand that finding enough host families is often a concern for clubs in deciding if they will participate in the Exchange Program. We remind you that you can require the family of a perspective outbound student to find one or more possible host families for an inbound student, subject to the requisite criminal record checks. Please note that the student's family cannot be required to host themselves, though they can be required to find a possible family

If your club has participated in the program, we hope you will again. If you have not, please consider it - your club will find it a rewarding experience.

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