

## Why Youth Exchange? *And...*

### Why Rotary Youth Exchange?

For high school age young people for whom it fits, it is truly the opportunity of a lifetime. It is an unparalleled way for young people to discover who they are, develop self-reliance, and while they are at it, to discover the world around them. They learn how the people of the world think and what they value – and they teach others about their own culture. But why should it matter to the rest of us?

**Learning how other people think and what they value is critical to solving the problems that face our communities and our world. What better way for a young future leader to get started on this task than to live in another culture for a school year – or even a few weeks – as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.**

- Rotary Youth Exchange is the **most secure**, because students are in the hands of local Rotarians in the host community, local leaders with a genuine interest in their welfare.
- It provides the **best and broadest experience**, because students are able to live as a member of at least two (usually three) carefully selected host families and through direct interaction with Rotarians from a variety of businesses and professions.
- It is the **most cost effective** of all youth exchange programs, because it is operated by unpaid Rotary volunteers. (Moreover, students who participate in the school year program receive an allowance from their host Rotary clubs.)
- And for participating students, the experience provides the **best possible opportunity to develop self-reliance and self-confidence**, to **see another part of the world**, to **learn a new language** (usually acquiring 12-15 semester hours university credit by exam), and to **add a valuable dimension to their professional resume**.

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