

What's it really like to host an inbound student? Ask an expert



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“The experience of hosting a foreign exchange student will be different for each family. The mistake you should not make is to think you are too busy or too old or too young. Foreign Exchange students come to the US with their own expectations, and typically it is not what they expected. But it is what they want...a life in another country with an extended family and new friends. It isn't perfect, but nothing is. It is a wonderful experience in making a difference and education. We have learned so much from our youth exchange student. She is well educated and a young girl, similar to our own daughter, with dreams and goals and we are here to help her through her journey. We wouldn't change a thing.” Edt.

The Whitworths daughter, Kylee is an outbound student to France from District 5790



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“I can't think of a better way to experience the common bonds of humanity than through participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Exchange students will often speak of their time in the United States as a gift, but being a host mother is the best gift of all. Sharing stories and building relationships, provides a framework through which the student and host family begin to understand cultural similarities and differences. Your exchange student truly becomes a part of your family that you treasure as you watch them grow and learn with each new experience.”



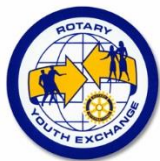
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“We have been host parents for the past nine months. Having an exchange student in our home has enriched our lives many times over. It's been a good experience for our kids as they learn about world travel and geography. Our family has learned about other international cultures (Chile, Mexico, Germany) through the friends that our student has made. The Rotary youth exchange program has been a wonderful experience in our home and look forward to hosting another student in the near future.”

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"We hosted an 18 year old 'boy' from Chile (this year), and could not have had a better experience. Not only did our Chilean 'son' grow in many ways, he also helped teach our family a broader perspective of the world. In short, he was a blessing to our home. We wholeheartedly support Rotary Youth Exchange, and encourage families everywhere to open their doors to this wonderful experience."



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"Ask anyone who has ever hosted an exchange student and they will tell you that although it is a wonderful experience (hopefully) it can also be an exhausting endeavor. Once our family decided to host a student we began the process of getting approved and getting our home ready for a new family member. Please do not take this as me regretting the experience because I have not regretted a single minute of it. Ted is a member of our family and will be forever." Edt.



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We have hosted numerous exchange students. Is it always easy? No. Is it always something we both have agreed on? No. Has it always been rewarding? Yes. We learn something each time we host. Not just about a foreign country but about an individual that is going through the stages of developing themselves as an adult. We also learn to look at the USA through the eyes of someone who is not judging us, but willing to learn and adapt and to make something theirs. This is only one of the rewards we get from hosting, to say nothing of the family we now have around the world.

Host Family Protocol:

- Complete host family application and submitted
- Criminal Background is performed
- Host family Interview and home inspection
- Host Family Orientation is Completed