

Host Family Responsibilities

- Room and Board
- Suitable atmosphere
- Comfortable home environment
- Study time and place
- Language assistance
- Guidance and discipline
- Supervision of friend selection, social activities and travel
- Help with mail communications
- Telephone and Internet discipline
- Assistance with banking procedures (e.g., check writing)
- Recognizing cultural differences (“common” sense may not be so common)
- Respecting the student’s religious convictions
- Fostering friendships with U.S. peers
- Listening carefully and providing moral support
- Treating your student as one of your own children
- Love, and sharing of family traditions

Watch for

- Homesickness
- Language limitations and misunderstandings
- Personal conflicts
- Culture shock
- Appearance and hygiene
- Diet and food problems
- Giving excessive gifts
- Awkward personal habits
- Religious differences
- Sibling rivalry / jealousy
- Problems with sleeping arrangements
- Lack of Rotary involvement and assistance
- School attendance problems and grades
- Romantic involvements

Rotary Club’s Responsibilities

- Providing a Youth Exchange Officer
- Monthly allowance (\$100)
- School registration
- Budget and handling of funds
- Guidance in appearance, hygiene, medical needs, discipline, habits
- Arranging club visits and participation in Rotary functions
- Changing host homes and emergency back-up home
- Cost of and transportation to Rotary Youth Exchange Weekends
- Monthly contacts and reports