



Rotary International

District: ___ 7120, ___ 7150, ___ 7170, ___ ✓ 7210



Youth Exchange Hosting Agreement

1. The _____ Rotary Club of District 7210 will host _____ from the country of _____ under the auspices of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the 20____ - 20____ academic year to provide educational opportunities in a United States High School educational environment. This student will attend _____ High School.

2. The undersigned agree to serve as a host family for this student from _____, 20____ to _____, 20____. We understand that, as a host family, we will not be reimbursed or compensated for ordinary day to day living costs of maintaining this student. Further, we understand that, as a host family, we assume certain responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

- a. Supervise the school and leisure activities of the exchange student as though he/she were our own child. Immediately report any complaint or indication of abuse to the District Youth Protection Officer.
- b. Provide physical, moral and family financial support (3 meals a day, lodging, normal household amenities) for the student in our home, and include him/her in all family activities. (Students receive their allowance from Rotary.)
- c. Provide the student with a separate bed and adequate storage and study space and telecommunications. We understand that the student may share a bedroom, but with no more than one other individual of the same gender.
- d. Monitor the travel of this student and obtain approval for all travel in accordance with the District Travel Policy which states that all travel not accompanied by a senior Host Family member or Rotarian requires Rotary Club approval. Travel outside the District, in all cases, requires District approval through the hosting Rotary Club. Travel outside the USA requires approvals at District level. We understand that the Hosting Rotary Club must be kept informed of the whereabouts of this student at all times, either directly or indirectly, in case it is necessary to contact the student in an emergency.
- e. Either provide or arrange for student transportation (with the help of the host Rotary Club) to school, extra-curricular, sports and required Rotary activities. (The club should provide transportation for mandated Rotary weekends.)
- f. Expect the student to abide by the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange and Rotary District 7210 Rules and Regulations, and alert the student and, if necessary, Rotary officials when those rules and conditions are not being followed.
- g. Be familiar with the Host Parent role, as described in the District 7210 Host Family Manual and on the Rotary International website (Rotary.org / Students and Youth / Rotary Youth Exchange / "A Guide for Host Families"), and to carry out that role to the best of our ability
- h. We understand that we are welcome to host an Inbound student, but are not required to do so in order to have our son/daughter considered for the exchange program as an Outbound student.

Agreed to this ___ day of _____, 20____.

_____ Host Father, _____ Host Mother
 _____ Host Club Officer

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Note: IRS Publication 526, "**Charitable Contributions**" allows a \$50.00 a month deduction on Schedule A, Contributions, for a Student Living with you.

"Student Living With You. If you pay the costs of a student who lives with you in your home, you may deduct up to \$50.00 a month of the amount you pay. The student may be foreign or American, but must not be your dependent or relative. The student must be a resident of your household under a written agreement between you and a qualified organization. The purpose of the agreement must be to provide educational opportunities for the student.

You may deduct up to \$50.00 of your expenses for each full calendar month of your tax year during which the student is:

- 1) A member of your household, and
- 2) A full-time student in the 12th or lower grade at a school located in the United States.

A period of 15 or more days in a month counts as a full calendar month for this purpose.

Qualifying Expenses include the cost of books, tuition, food, clothing, transportation, medical and dental care, entertainment, and other amounts you actually spend for the well-being of the student. Depreciation on your home and the fair market value of lodging or any similar item is not considered an amount spent by you. In addition, general household expenses, such as taxes, insurance, repairs, etc., do not qualify for the deduction.

If you are compensated or reimbursed for any of the costs of having a student living with you, none of the costs may be deducted. However, if you are reimbursed for only an extraordinary or nonrecurring item, such as a hospital bill or vacation trip, that you paid in advance at the request of the student's parents or the sponsoring organization, you may deduct your other expenses for the student.

Mutual Exchange Program. You may not deduct the costs of a foreign student living in your home under a mutual exchange program whereby your child will live with a family in a foreign country."

For a list of what you must file with your return in order to claim these expenses and for current tax year information, you should check with the IRS or obtain the most current year IRS Publication 526.