This summer, 80 teens from around the world will walk off a plane in Florida, ALONE, looking anxiously for the Rotary Club and host family that will welcome them...

**WILL YOUR FAMILY BE THERE?**

Rotary Youth Exchange Students are the bravest teens you will ever come to know. They spend a school year trusting strangers – the Rotarians who arrange their stay and the families who love them. They become fluent in another language. They learn about our great country, a new way of living and a lot about themselves. And they will also be teaching you about their country, their culture, and sharing the differences. They will be young diplomats, global citizens, with a life-long commitment to global peace.

For more information: [www.ryeflorida.org](http://www.ryeflorida.org)

Click on About RYE Florida, District 6930 to contact our District RYE team members.
 Rotary exchange students are carefully screened for selection by the local Rotary Club in their country, and must be an outstanding academic student, mature, ages 15 - 18.5, and most are fluent in English. Their parents pay approx. $5,000 for participation, which includes flights, visa and full medical and liability insurance. Most arrive with a debit card for expenses, clothing and needs.

Exchange Period:  August - June
The local Rotary Club arranges 3 or 4 host families for each student ([a 3-4 month stay per host family]). Students are from the selected 35 countries that RYE Florida partners with.

- Student must attend high school, make progress in classes, and learn English.
- Students must sign and obey strict rules, including NO driving, drinking, drugs, or “serious” dating.
- All are covered by full medical insurance and arrive with a $300 emergency fund.

**Who are these students?**

**RYE Florida brings in students from these countries:**

Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Belgium, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Norway, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Paraguay, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Taiwan and Thailand.

Host families may indicate a preference for gender and continent of origin.

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**Questions and Answers**

**Could we be a host family?**

- All types of families participate - Rotarian and non-Rotarian, families with teens, with young children, empty nesters, retirees or with no children. All it takes is the willingness to care, a heart that is ready for a touch of adventure, and the financial ability to provide room and board for the student during his or her stay.
- A family with teens - the student can share a bedroom only with a teen of similar age.
- Families with younger children – RYE kids make great role models!
- A family whose kids who have left home, with parents working or retired. These are often the best host families, as the host parents have the time to revisit and enjoy again all the things Florida has to offer.

**Can the student attend my kids’ private school?** Only if you or the Rotary Club is able to negotiate a full scholarship. Students cannot be required to pay for schooling, but must pay for activity fees and uniforms. Your District Chair of Youth Exchange can help or provide information to the school about the RYE program.

**Can the student play on sports teams?**

Up to the school and approval by the state-wide high school sports association - most students are allowed to play.

**Can the student join clubs at school?** Highly recommended and encouraged! Students are required to join the Interact Club if there is one at their school.

**Can the student go on a vacation with my family?** Yes!