

District 6250 Rotary Youth Exchange Family Visit Policy

In general, family should not visit you while you are on your exchange year. Any visits **must** be approved in advance by the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Inbound (IB) Coordinators.

District 6250 RYE will only approve family visits when the following criteria are met.

1. You (the inbound student) take responsibility for coordinating the communication and travel plan across your family, host family and Rotary club.
2. You must be “in good standing” in your exchange. This means you have not gotten into serious trouble, you have made a good effort in school, you have engaged with your hosting Rotary Club, you have followed the rules of the exchange, and so on.
3. The visit can only take place in the last two months of the exchange year (typically June and July).
4. The visitor(s) must arrive after the US school year is complete. For example, if classes end on June 4th, we will not approve a visit that begins before June 4.
5. You have asked permission for a visit at least four (4) weeks before the proposed visit.
6. You have filled out the proper form to request a visit. That form is found here: ([LINK](#))
 - a. In the form, you will provide the exact dates of the visit, the names of all visitors, and the itinerary. Here is an example:
 - i. *Exact dates: <June 5-10, 2023>*
 - ii. *Names of all visitors: <Mother’s name, Father’s name, Sister’s name>*
 - iii. *Itinerary: <Visit my host family and Rotary club in Sun Prairie June 5-6, then together with my parents we visit Chicago June 7-10, then I return to Sun Prairie and my parents return home.>*
 - b. You will provide the name and contact information for the family who will be hosting you during the time of the proposed visit.
 - c. You will provide the name and contact information for your YEO.
7. Your parents will need to acknowledge and accept that if you travel outside of District 6250 (southern Wisconsin) during their visit, you may no longer be covered by Rotary’s insurance, and you are not the responsibility of the Rotary organization while you are traveling with family.

The automated form approval process will request acknowledgement from your parent and approvals from your YEO, host family and District IB coordinators.

Because family visits can seriously interfere with your exchange year and can be a great inconvenience for a host family, we will consider carefully whether to approve a request. We will also consider other travel commitments such as the BELO tours.

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