

# Rotary Youth Exchange Code of Honor

## Code of Honor:

- I value cultural differences
- I appreciate the support of others
- I use this opportunity to grow
- I learn from my mistakes
- I obey the laws of my host country at all times.

### I value cultural differences

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, I understand that I am given the opportunity to completely sink into a new culture and adapt to new values and norms. I am willing to notice, face and value any cultural differences and adjust with an open mind. This experience teaches me what diversity and cultural differences mean. Furthermore, I am aware of my own cultural background and those of others and reflect my actions against the background of this intercultural context. I am an ambassador of my home country and conscious that my behavior and presentation will strongly impact, create and influence the opinions and images of people I interact with.

### I appreciate the support of others

I am aware that Rotarians, host families, schools and many other people are voluntarily enabling this once in a lifetime experience for me, appreciate their engagement and respect their rules. I can presume that every decision taken on my behalf by others is taken out of best intentions for my well-being and experience. Appreciation of the engagement for me and the expectation will gain trust and respect vice versa which will advance my exchange experience. I thus understand the respect and trust that I risk losing if I behave disorderly and know that the consequences of my actions affect not only myself, but also my support system at home and abroad. I strive to not make decisions lightly or behave selfishly as I understand that any consequences I endure, will reflect poorly on everyone associated with me. I remember to be thankful and show it.

### I use this opportunity to grow

I understand that I am given a unique opportunity to experience a new culture, learn a new language and eventually gain a life-changing view on the world. I know that the success of my experience depends very much on my attitude and my effort in order to gain the most from it. The exchange year certainly isn't always an easy one. I am willing to go through difficult, hard and challenging moments during my exchange year, but I am also expecting exciting, great and unforgettable times. I am prepared and willing to seriously appreciate this opportunity offered to me.

### I learn from my mistakes

I am proud to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Part of growing up is to find my own way. Perhaps it also means that while trying to find the right way, one might make mistakes. But in order to grow, the most important thing is to learn from them. But even if I try very hard, I might make mistakes unintentionally. But I know I have understanding Rotarians at my side who want to help me to learn from them for my future life.

### I obey the laws of my host country at all times.

I am aware that any transgressions of these rules will negatively impact my exchange experience and can result in my dismissal of the exchange program and my return to my home country.