

# Parent Interview Guide

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*Students are best interviewed first and separately from their parents. Ask the student to bring the parents in to be a part of the interview process. Observe how the student introduces the parents.*

1. How do you feel about your son/daughter becoming an exchange student and spending a year/several weeks away from home? (Get answers from both parents)
2. Your son/daughter has told us they are interested in becoming an exchange student in (specific country or area). How do you feel about their choice?
3. Do you realize that due to limited spaces, Rotary can not guarantee a specific country? Would you be willing to allow your child to go to most any country on our exchange list?
4. Do they have any questions about money and this program?
5. Have the rules of the program been explained to your satisfaction? Do you feel that your son/daughter can easily live by those rules?
6. Do you expect homesickness: How would your student handle it? How would you handle a “homesick letter” asking to come home?
7. Is your child a good eater and do you feel he/she will adapt to different foods?
8. Does the student have any sickness, allergies or physical problems that might be a problem while on exchange?
9. If your child lived with a family of a different religion, would it be a problem to attend that church with the family?
10. Call attention to the fact that students are required to act as a member of the family and not as a guest to be waited on. Does the student do chores willingly at home and would they do so while in the home of the host family?
11. Whose idea was it to apply for the program and how did your student hear about the program.

*You may wish to speak to the parents alone. If so, simply excuse the student, ask them to wait outside the room and bring any concerns or questions to the parents now.*