



**Rotary District 4420 Youth Exchange
Rotary District 4420 Short Term Program
Exchange Student Application, 2024-25**

Name: Rafael SAIKA ASTOLFI

9. Student's Letter

Dear Rotary and Host Families,

My name is Rafael Astolfi, and I am excited to have the opportunity to share a bit about myself with you. I appreciate the chance to participate in this exchange program and can't wait to embark on this exciting journey.

In my free time, I enjoy exploring a variety of activities. I am passionate about literature and music, spending many hours immersed in books and discovering new songs. Additionally, I am a sports enthusiast and play volleyball at school, an activity that brings me much joy and camaraderie.

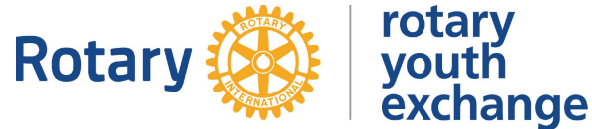
At school, I have a rigorous schedule with 13 subjects and classes that start at 6 am and end at 12:30 pm. Although I don't have the option to choose subjects, I am dedicated to my studies and determined to achieve excellent grades to fulfill my dream of attending a prestigious college in Brazil.

At home, I enjoy the comfort of my own room and bathroom. I mainly study in my room, which is my personal refuge. My school is about a kilometer away, and I usually walk there.

My parents work in the financial and economic sector, bringing a unique perspective to our family. We live in the Vila Mariana neighborhood in São Paulo, a vibrant and diverse community with a thriving economy.

My interests include volleyball, literature, cinema, and music, which I have cultivated since childhood. I grew up traveling abroad with my family, exploring countries like the United States, Turkey, the Netherlands, Mongolia, Japan, and Norway.

Although I have many passions and interests, there are certain things I do not appreciate, such as soups, avocados, and snakes. However, I believe my strengths outweigh my weaknesses. I am a communicative and confident person, but I also



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recognize that I can be emotional in certain situations.

My future plans include graduating from the Federal University of São Paulo and eventually venturing into entrepreneurship. I intend to use my solid foundation in mathematics to achieve success in my career and personal life.

As an exchange student, I hope to immerse myself in a new culture, enhance my language skills, and make meaningful connections with my new community. I am eager to learn and grow during my time abroad, and I hope to bring new perspectives and experiences when I return to Brazil.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this exchange program, and I am thrilled about what the future holds. I can't wait to meet you in person and share this incredible journey together.

Sincerely,

Rafael Saika Astolfi