

## WHAT IS YOUTH EXCHANGE

Each year, more than 8,000 young people have the opportunity of a lifetime - a chance to live in another country and see the world from a new perspective through Rotary Youth Exchange. This could be your year!

We offer both short term (6 to 8 weeks) and long term (10-11 months) exchange opportunities.

As a Rotary Youth Exchange participant, you will live with host families in a country other than your own. You will learn a new way of living, maybe a new language, and a great deal about yourself.

As you are learning, you will also be teaching those around you as a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together, making many new friends in the process.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND LEARN IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY, AS YOU SEEK PERSONAL GROWTH AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR WORLD.

## WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. More than 33,000 clubs conduct projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns. Rotary Clubs have sponsored successful international Youth Exchanges for more than 30 years. Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to students ages 15-19.

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To qualify as an ideal Rotary Youth Exchange student, you are:

- 15-19 years old (*Long term students must be 16 by September the year they leave and not older than 18 when they return*)
- an above-average student who has demonstrated leadership in your community
- a citizen of Canada or the USA in good health
- open-minded, tolerant and willing to try new things.

## ARE YOU READY TO...

- Form international friendships
- Learn new ways to communicate
- Gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others
- Immerse yourself in a different culture
- Appreciate others' ways of doing things
- Act as an ambassador for and educate others about your country

*Then you are ready for Rotary Youth Exchange!*

## HOW CAN YOUTH EXCHANGE ENHANCE MY EDUCATION?

Major colleges and universities throughout the USA and Canada recognize the value of international studies when making placement decisions.

As our world becomes smaller many jobs and areas of study require students to have more than one language.

The Challenge of completing a one-year exchange abroad will better prepare you for the transition to living away from home as you pursue your post-secondary education

## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Experience our world in a way that you never thought possible... living in and learning about a different culture first hand changes one's viewpoint on the world we live in and encourages young minds to think globally.

Develop a better understanding of your worldwide neighbourhood... young people who have a desire to make our world a better place will be presented with opportunities in any one of 20 different countries in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Gain a network of friends that is truly worldwide... the international organization of Rotary brings together students from all corners of our world in the spirit of friendship and understanding.

It's EDUCATIONAL... this is your chance to learn and enjoy The Alps, The Great Barrier Reef, the sand or Rio or the beauty of Budapest. You will see sights that many people will only see in books or on television and they will be part of your world as you become a world traveler.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

During your time abroad you will be living with one or more host families. The Long Term Exchange program will have you attending high school as well. The Short Term Exchange is a family-to-family exchange, whereby you go out to the other family for 3 to 4 weeks and then return home hosting your host brother/sister here for 3 to 4 weeks. The short term exchange is during the summer holidays, whereas those involved in the long term exchange leave August/September and return the following summer.

Host families are carefully screened by Rotary, so that a safe and caring environment is provided.

Selection interviews are held this fall by your local Rotary Club.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications open in September for the following summer (Short term) and school year (Long term) programs.

**Apply online @ [www.rye5020.org](http://www.rye5020.org)**



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