



OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME FROM ROTARY DISTRICT 6150

***\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SPEND A MONTH IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
\$20,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL YEAR ABROAD***

- TWO PROGRAMS—Long Term and Short Term
- OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A *NEW CULTURE*
- OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE *AMBASSADOR*
- OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE *FRIENDS FOR A LIFETIME*

What is Rotary Youth Exchange?

- A program of Rotary International implemented through clubs and districts
- Rotary Youth Exchange, started in 1929, is acknowledged to be one of the best exchange programs because of a careful interview process, thorough orientations, local support for students, and low cost because of the volunteer efforts of Rotarians.
- Every year 8,000 students from 80 countries participate in Rotary Youth Exchange.
- Enables primarily high school age students to live in another country for a month or so (short term exchange) or a whole school year (long term exchange)
- A long term exchange is for a whole school year and typically involves three host families. The student experiences total emersion in the culture and is supported by a local Rotary club and Rotary counselors. Families of long term outbound students are not required to be host families for long term inbound students.

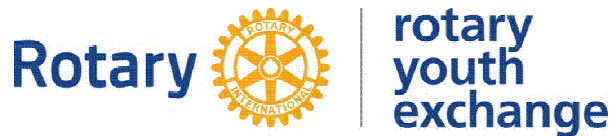
Countries with past exchanges (others are possible):

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| Argentina | France | Spain |
| Belgium | Germany | Switzerland |
| Bolivia | Italy | Taiwan |
| Brazil | Japan | Thailand |
| Colombia | Paraguay | |
| Czech Republic | Poland | |

- Short term exchanges are by the Rotary Districts between families: i.e. the child of family A spends a month with family B and their children in another country, and then the child of family B returns with the child of family A to spend a month with family A.

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Austria
Ecuador
Finland
France

Japan
Mexico
Russia
Spain

- Also available are short term summer “camps” typically for about two weeks. These camps are conducted by local Rotary clubs and have different focuses – for example – sailing, culture/sightseeing, bicycling, etc.

What are the benefits of participating in Rotary Youth Exchange

- Travel to another country
- Learn a new language
- Experience another culture first-hand
- Live with a host family
- Gain confidence and maturity
- Become more tolerance of other people, different cultures, and different personalities
- Add your exchange experience to job and scholarship applications
- Become part of a global personal contemporary network that is expanding over time and utilized for a lifetime
- FUN!!

What are the countries with which exchanges are made?

- 80 countries participate around the world
- Each country offers the potential for a great experience
- Some countries are easier to establish an exchange than others
- Better to be very flexible in countries to be considered

What are the Qualifications and Requirements for Students?

- Age 15-19 at time of departure.
- Fill out appropriate application and submit to a Rotary club member.
- Grades: Generally a student’s grade point average should be in the upper half of their class
- Willingness to adapt to new situations
- Initiative to get involved in activities
- Willingness to speak to groups
- Attitude of giving to others
- *THE TRAITS FOR BEING AN AMBASSADOR*
- Foreign Language Ability: Ability to speak a foreign language is not required but students must be willing to learn a new language.

What is the Cost?

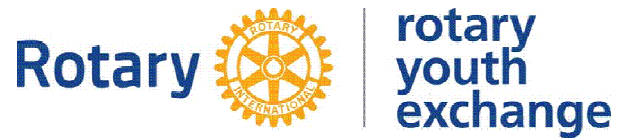
- **Long Term Program:** For the long term exchange in 2018-19 the total cost to the student expected to be about \$4,900 between the district fee and the out of pocket expense for passport & visa. An additional \$500 is needed for an emergency fund, the unused portion of which is refunded to the student upon return. The rest of the cost, about \$20,000, is subsidized by the volunteer contributions of Rotary and others. The funds needed for the exchange might be raised from family members, working, fund raisers, a corporate gift and/or a Rotary Youth Exchange Financial Aid Fund. The student does not need car insurance while on the exchange and may qualify for college credit after his/her return. Students also receive a monthly allowance from the host Rotary club. The student may wish to have additional funds for optional tours in the host country.
- **Short Term Program:** For a short term exchange in 2018 the total cost to the student is about \$1800 between the district fee and out of pocket expenses. About \$2,000 of the cost of being a short term exchange student is subsidized by Rotary and others.
- Rotary District 6150 has a Financial Aid Fund that can help students with a financial need. Interested students should not let financial limitations keep them from applying. **NEW!! – In 2018 District 6150 Youth Exchange will make available up to a total of \$5,000 to help qualifying student applicants pay for a short or long term exchange.**

Where do I get the application forms and more information?

- More information, application forms and Financial Aid Forms are at www.rotary6150.org/go/ye
- “Like” us on Facebook to learn about events and announcements. www.facebook.com/rotary6150youthexchange
- Contact, Susan Chan, co Youth Exchange Officer for Rotary District 6150. 501-603-0900, schan@novacorp.com

Calendar

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| November 1, 2017 | Applications for Long Term Exchanges due to Clubs |
| November 15, 2017 | Club recommendations & Long Term Applications due to District |
| December 2 & 3, 2017 | District interviews long term applicants and their parents |
| January 31, 2018 | Applications for Short Terms Exchanges due to Clubs |
| February 15, 2018 | Club recommendations & Short Term Applications due to District |
| Saturday in February | Orientation for Long Term and Short Term students |
| June, 2018 | Orientation Camp for Long Term Outbound Students |
| June – August, 2018 | Short Term Exchanges Take Place |



August – Sept, 2018
May – June, 2019

Long Term students leave home
Long Terms return home

For More Information

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