

# Rotary Youth Exchange Long Term Program



## Information About Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is for high school aged students who are interested in living and studying abroad for one year. Its goal is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person-to-person level.

## What is Rotary Youth Exchange...?

- Opportunity to learn a new culture and language
- Opportunity to be an ambassador
- Opportunity to make friends for a lifetime
- It's a year of adventure

Our returned students often call it "*The best year of my life.*"

## Quick Overview...

It is not a vacation...instead it's a cultural and academic exchange that lasts a full school year (11-12 months.). While on exchange you will have the opportunity to learn the language and culture of your host country. While in your host country you will attend school, be hosted by families (normally 3-4) and be supported by your Rotary club and Rotary counselor (as well as Rotarians here in the USA.)

## Where can I go?

We exchange with over 40 countries, including:

Australia, Japan, Thailand, India, France, Brazil, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, Belgium, Argentina, Zaire, Poland, Finland Denmark, Estonia, Norway, Italy, Turkey, Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Indonesia and more.!

When applying, you indicate which countries interest you the most--and we attempt to place you in one of them. Due to the nature of our program we can not guarantee that you will be placed in a specific country.

## Why Rotary?

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the largest, oldest and most respected Youth Exchange Programs.

Key reasons to consider Rotary include: -

- Orientation/training process before you leave
- Hosted by a Rotary Club and Host Families
- Activities with Rotary/Rotarians
- Low Cost / Everyone is a volunteer

## Do I Qualify?

### Key Qualifications:

Must be a good student (top half of class)

Between 15 1/2 and 18 1/2 years old on August 1<sup>st</sup> of departure year

### Other Important Attributes:

- A willingness to learn the language and culture of the country you are assigned
- The initiative to get involved in activities in you host country.
- Applicants should have pleasant personality and must:
- -be able to adjust to a new and different culture/country
- -be willing live apart from their families for the year
- -be open to new and different experiences

A member of your family does not need to belong to Rotary for you to be eligible.

## How much does it cost?

The host country provides Room, Board, High School tuition (if needed) and provides an allowance of about \$75 each month. Waupaca is in Rotary International District 6220. The cost for an Outbound student this year is \$6500 – this includes airfare, training conferences for student and parent, medical insurance, Rotary blazer, and more. You need to pay for clothing, optional trips, and spending money.

## More Info...

For more information contact

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