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ELIGIBILITY

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to students ages 15-19. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in their community. Candidates should also possess qualities such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to fully experience life in another country and become excellent cultural ambassadors.

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND FORM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and complete a written application and in-person interview.

PROGRAM COST

The program is completely administered by Rotary club members, keeping program expenses low. Costs vary depending on the district and country where the exchange occurs, so contact your local club or district for specific information. Typically, students and their parents or guardians are expected to cover the following expenses:

- Round-trip airfare
- Activity fee
- Travel insurance that includes medical, accident, and illness coverage and meets the requirements of the host and sponsor clubs and districts
- All travel documents, such as passports and visas
- Spending money, ancillary travel, and tours

HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Youth Exchanges are administered locally, and all applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and district.

Rotary clubs exist in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, and Youth Exchanges take place in nearly all of them. Check with your local Rotary club about whether it participates in the program. To find the club closest to you, use the Club Locator at www.rotary.org.

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR YOUR OWN COUNTRY

After you've spoken with your local Rotary club or your district Youth Exchange chair, Rotary club members from your area will ask you to complete a preliminary application. Your district chair and local club will help guide you through the application and interview process.

EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

STATEMENT OF CONDUCT FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

