

APPLICATION PROCESS

STYE forms may be found for download at www.rotary.org. The student applies to be sponsored by a local Rotary Club, who will help the student and family complete the necessary forms.

The application should be TYPED and submitted (four original, signed copies) to the local Rotary Club between Dec. 1 and Jan. 1.

If acceptable to the local Club, it submit the completed application (four original, signed copies) to the District between Jan. 1 and Feb. 1. The local Rotary Club will also conduct a home visit to assure that the applicant's home is adequate for the hosting of the foreign student with whom the applicant will be paired for exchange.

The District may request further information and/or an interview with the student and family before or after initial approval of the application.

Once the fully completed application is submitted and approved, we will initiate contacts with Rotary Districts in destination countries by February 1 or as soon as fully completed applications are received; We would hope to confirm the availability of an exchange "match" by April 1.

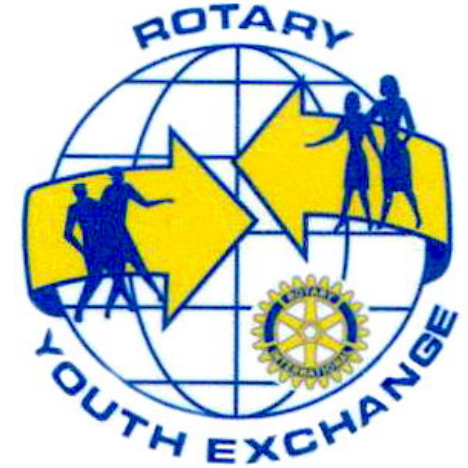
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CLUB SUPPORT

The Rotary Club's role as sponsor is to promote the availability of Rotary's Long- & Short-Term Youth Exchange opportunities; to screen candidates and determine whether they would serve as appropriate ambassadors of good will representing Club, community and country; to determine whether the student's household is also an appropriate place to host the inbound Exchange Student; to have a male and female Youth Exchange Officer within the Club to serve as our contact persons (thus also becoming YEO committee members for our District Program!); to assure that the application is fully completed before it is submitted to the District Committee; and to provide contact support as needed throughout the application and exchange process. Some Clubs provide financial assistance, or local gifts or Club Banners for students to take with them. The Club is encouraged to host the outbound student to present their intended Program to the Club before their departure, and to pre-arrange a meeting date to host both students while the foreign student is visiting.

Rotary Exchange Programs offer students, families and Rotarians an extraordinary opportunity to share a truly international experience!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



**DISTRICT 6420
SHORT TERM
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE**



**AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SHARE YOUR SUMMER
WITH A STUDENT FROM
ANOTHER COUNTRY**

FOUR WEEKS HERE....

FOUR WEEKS THERE !

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to Rotary International's "flagship" **Long Term Youth Exchange** Program, in which a student spends one year abroad, Rotary District 6420 also sponsors **Short Term Youth Exchange** opportunities to experience the culture of another country, paired with a foreign student, each to spend half the summer with the other in that student's home and country.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN

Participants must be **age 15-19** at the time of the exchange, typically arranged during the summer months so that each student can spend **four weeks** with the other student and his/her family.

...& WHERE ??

YOU PICK! Students select the countries with which they would wish for Rotary to arrange an exchange match, prioritizing their list. We endeavor to provide a match with their top choice, if possible. We suggest that selections for this program be limited to countries in the northern hemisphere, so that exchanging students' school summer vacation schedules are similar. Participants should have – or should be prepared to quickly obtain – basic language skills of the country in which they are assigned to be hosted.

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ORIENTATION SEMINAR

The District will host an Orientation Seminar in March, for both Short Term and Long Term Youth Exchange participants and their parents. Attendance is required from Friday Evening through Saturday evening (the program extends into Sunday for Long Term Exchange participants). Students will receive travel advice, safety tips, packing guidance, suggestions for public speaking, and valuable information to prepare each student for what each might expect while being hosted abroad. Students will also get to visit with one another and with Inbound Exchange Students from many other countries.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Exchange students are also asked to attend the Rotary District Conference, on Saturday afternoon and evening of the event, usually around the last weekend in April, if available to do so. Students will meet and visit with other students and may participate in a flag ceremony presented by Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students.

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

The schedule of each Short Term Exchange will be determined by the exchanging students and their families, generally for a four week stay in each home -- generally outbound approximately June 15 – July 15, inbound approximately July 15 – August 15, with some families electing to reverse the order of inbound/outbound, or to slightly extend their travel dates to experience the end / beginning of each student's school year.

PROGRAM COSTS

The applicant and his / her family are responsible for all program fees, insurance, and travel costs, unless all or some part of these costs are voluntarily covered by the sponsoring Club.

Program costs include our District Application Fee, presently \$200, which covers overhead for postage and telephone contacts, printing costs, exchange cards, badges, registration fees (excluding hotel room) for the student and two parents at the District Orientation Seminar, and meals while attending the Rotary District Conference at the end of April. In the event the exchange does not occur, the unused portion of the student's application fees will be refunded.

Insurance, whether part of the family's health plan, or obtained for tourist travel, must be verified for participation. "Vacation policies" are available through many travel agencies.

Travel costs include the student's guaranteed round-trip ticket to/from the destination country, to be arranged by the family with a travel agent or reputable on-line company, and sufficient spending money for activities, local travel and souvenirs.

At the Orientation Seminar, students and parents will meet with Rotary's certified travel agency and will have the option of using their services, for lower rates and Rotary-specific informational guidance.