

- A January to January 12 month program for mature 15 to 17 year olds (under 18 at time of departure and students not having completed VCE, Year 12).
- Exchanges to Scandinavia, South Africa, Europe, USA, Canada, Japan, Brazil and Thailand.
- Home hosted by Rotary approved families.
- Full academic year of schooling in the host country.
- Administered at the club level with the support of the Rotary International network.
- Individual counsellor both here and in the host country.
- Back-up and counselling for the family of the exchange student.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY



For further information, downloading application forms or to locate your local Rotary Club, please visit our web site at: www.rotaryd9800.org/youthexchange

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What is Rotary?



Rotary International is the world's oldest service club organisation founded in 1905. Members representing a cross section of the community's business and professional leaders that are non-political and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

With "Service Above Self" as their motto, Rotary clubs provide service in the community, workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and build goodwill and peace with programs like Youth Exchange.

Rotary clubs have sponsored successful international youth exchanges for more than 30 years.

How our Exchange works

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you will spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families. You will become part of those families and their community. These Rotary families are volunteers who will welcome and care for you, supervise your year and introduce you to their culture and lifestyle.

In your host country you may learn another language, experience cuisines, study different subjects, enjoy a new culture and discover another way of living. In addition you will learn a great deal about yourself and gain confidence and self-sufficiency.

You will attend school in your local community, as well as participating in Rotary activities and civic functions. At the same time you will make new friends, see exciting places and experience adventures that will take a lifetime to recount.

Selection Process

An application of interest should be made to your local Rotary Club. The club will interview interested students and selected candidates will be presented to the District Committee. This committee's role is to select exchangees. Final selection is dependent on a District interview and a weekend Briefing Seminar. Successful applicants are on their way!

The final country of destination is decided by the committee in consultation with the students and depending on the availability of exchange in the preferred locality. Further seminars, home visits and briefing weekends are all part of the continuing Rotary involvement in your preparations. Your family is also involved all the way and during your year's exchange they will be provided with continuing support and information.

The Youth Exchange Package

- Return ticket / airfare and visa
- Twelve months' accommodation
- School fees
- Monthly allowance
- Travel and health insurance
- Orientation weekends, home visits, briefing days
- Blazer, name badges and business cards

Costs

The Youth Exchange Package costs approx. \$5,000 for the full 12 month program. You will, of course, be responsible for your own personal expenses such as clothing, toiletries, gifts etc.

Who is eligible?

Students between the age of 15 and 17 (under 18 at time of departure and students not having completed VCE, Year 12). We look for maturity, a positive focus and strength of character. The ability to interact and communicate, to participate in community activities and to adapt to changing situations is also an asset. A solid academic record is preferable.

The Youth Exchange Program

Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries. The ambassadorial nature of the exchange promotes world understanding and peace.

The first exchanges were initiated in Europe in 1929, spreading to the Americas in 1939. In 1972, Youth Exchange became an official program of Rotary International and now more than 8,000 students are sent to 58 countries each year.

The Rotary Youth Exchange is a non-profit program.

