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Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to broaden their education and world understanding by letting them live with a Host Family and attend High School in a foreign country.

As a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, you will spend an academic year (long term program), or just four weeks (short term program) with a Host Family in a country other than your own. You may learn a new language; you will learn a new way of living and a great deal about yourself. While you are learning, the people you meet will be learning about your country, your culture and your ideas.

YOU will be helping to bring the world closer together and making friends that last a lifetime.





Long Term (Full Year) Exchange

- The Hosting Rotary Club usually provides a monthly allowance of approximately \$100 US dollars. The Host Family provides the food and lodging.
- You are responsible for your airline ticket, visa and passports fees, application (\$750) and insurance costs (up to \$600.00), emergency fund of \$300.00 (to be replenished throughout the year as used), plus the cost of any additional travel or group trip that may be available during your exchange and additional spending money, etc.
- Your family agrees to personally host or assist in identifying an acceptable alternate host family for a student from another country for up to six months during your year abroad.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club in District 7450. The local

club interviews the applicant and then sends the application to the District Youth Exchange Committee to schedule a District interview.

 Interviews are held October and November for the following year.



Short Term (4-6 Weeks) Exchange



- The short term program last approximately four weeks.
- The U.S. student's family hosts a foreign student, then the U.S. Student is hosted by the foreign student's family.
- During the exchange the student is not permitted to have a summer job.
- Cost of travel, application fee (\$65), international health insurance policy (\$200) clothing and personal expenses are the responsibility of the participating students and their families.
- ESSEX arranges the exchange. You are responsible for arranging your travel plans in conjunction with the partner family, as dates of departure and arrival vary from country to country.

Yes - I am Interested!! Now What??

Contact your local Rotary Club - Go to http://www.rotary7450.org to visit the Rotary District 7450 site and then on the Local Clubs link at the top of that page. Clubs are based upon geographic location. Choose the club nearest you and contact them about being an exchange student.

To download and application go to www.exchangestudent.org . Click on Gundaker, then Foundation Programs. Under Youth Exchange Program click the link to 7450 Youth Exchange Web Page.