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## **New Generations**

Rotary clubs are committed to involving youth and young adults in their community and international service projects, and to providing programs and resources that support them. New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Rotary's youth and young adult programs include: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.

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# ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



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## WHAT IS A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Rotary Youth Exchange is the opportunity of a lifetime for the more than 8,000 students who participate in the program each year by spending up to twelve months as an international student. By sharing your own culture and embracing a new one, you help foster global understanding—and learn a great deal about yourself and your home country in the process.

As a Rotary Exchange Student you'll learn a new way of living, experience different foods, study different subjects, , make lots of new friends and maybe even learn a new language. In addition you will gain confidence and self-sufficiency as an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your country, culture and ideas.

You will be hosted by the local Rotary Clubs, and attend school in your local community, as well as participate in Rotary activities and civic functions.

Rotary's Youth Exchange Program is recognized by participants, parents and schools as the best student exchange program in the world! It is the largest of its type in Canada and is backed by caring and dedicated Rotarians who provide the infrastructure of the program.

Our past students have travelled to France, Chile, Denmark, Australia & most recently Japan!

## IS AN EXCHANGE RIGHT FOR ME?

Exchanges are for people ages 15–18 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
- Are flexible and willing to try new things
- Are open to cultural differences
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Costs vary from country to country. Local Rotary clubs generously host students and provide room and board with a host family and a small monthly stipend. Participants are generally responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money, additional travel, and tour fees

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Contact your local Rotary club to see if it participates in the exchange program and to learn more about the specific application process required. Because the selection and orientation process can be lengthy, we suggest you apply 10–12 months before you plan to leave.

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

Not only students can benefit from this opportunity, if you would like to share in this wonderful experience, we are always looking for potential Host Families for our Inbound Students!

## CAN I HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

Hosting an exchange student can be an incredibly rewarding experience for your family, providing an international experience without leaving home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

Interested in learning more about being an exchange student or host family?

[Contact a Rotary club near you.](#)

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants range from age 14 to 30, so most clubs and districts choose to focus on a specific age group, such as 14-18, 19-24, or 25-30. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. The program demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth by providing an effective training experience for potential leaders, encouraging leadership of youth by youth, and publicly recognizing young people who serve their communities.

Over the past 21 years approximately 900 youth have had their lives impacted by participating in this camp

This is a learning experience without teaching, everything learned comes from the students' own discovery of what works and what doesn't. The students are provided with a series of increasingly complicated activities and tasks that require a lot of cooperation and communication. All the sessions are run by and self critiqued by the students.

Since all of the participants were already natural leaders at school or in their peer groups, the most useful lesson, and hardest, was how to lead from within a group instead of from the front. It's a great shock to discover all your natural charisma, assertiveness and personal skills don't work when there are no natural followers. For many, it was the first time in their lives that they called out, "Follow me.." and no-one did". That's when they discovered some of the skills of listening, compromising, evaluating and developing consensus. Many managers should be so lucky!

Timeframe: RYLA applications are due annually in March

# Camp Enterprise

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"If you don't go, one day you will work for someone who did!"

Camp Enterprise is a 3 and a half day program for high school students. The program consists of a series of panels, presentations and discussions on the subjects of business and the free enterprise system where students can interact with business professionals.

The Objective of Camp Enterprise is to expose, explore, and spur the student's imagination on the whole subject of business and private enterprise.

In providing students with a broad view of professional, business and management careers, the program presents business and management as challenging positions offering enormous personal satisfaction. While allowing the individual to exercise maximum creativity, the program at the same time emphasizes obligations to serve and contribute in the community.

Time frame: Burlington/Oakville Camp Takes place annually in Mid-April

# Education Awards

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30 Awards of \$2,000 each to graduating Oakville High School students who are entering a post-secondary institution

Awards are given on the basis of financial need, community involvement, extra-curricular activities. Extraordinary family circumstances are also considered.

Questions can be directed to High School Guidance Counsellors

Applications are available at all local High Schools from late January, and are accepted after March Break. A Rotary Education Awards celebration dinner is held in late May.

# ROTARACT



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Do you want to be part of a global community of young adults taking action for positive change? Are you looking for the chance to share your ideas and look at the world's challenges in a new way? Join a Rotaract club and find all this and more, including:

- Hands-on service projects
- Fun networking and social activities
- Professional development opportunities
- An international network of young leaders

## WHAT IS ROTARACT?

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out.

# INTERACT



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Interact is Rotary's service club for youth ages 12-18. Interact clubs can be community-based or school-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Interact clubs and provide them with support and guidance, but each Interact club is self-governing and self-supporting. The goals of Interact include developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

Through Interact, you can:

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!

HOW DOES AN INTERACT CLUB CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE?

Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps your school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Service projects are an effective way for you to take action at home and abroad, connect with other young leaders, and get members excited about your club.

Clubs meet at least twice a month and are sponsored by their local Rotary club.

## The Dictionary Project



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The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 to give dictionaries to people in the community where they live. Since then, Rotarians have donated more than 6.1 million dictionaries. Some groups give dictionaries to students in one classroom. All of these projects, big and small add up to a HUGE difference in the education of children.

The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.

Vision

*With the support of local sponsors and volunteers, we want to provide a dictionary to every grade 3 student in participating schools. In this way we hope to help them to improve their communication skills and make the most of their education.*