



## Downtown Topeka Rotary is Recruiting Outbound Youth Exchange Students

If you know high school age youth interested in studying abroad next year please let them know about **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)**. We are now accepting applications for students interested in living and studying in a foreign country during the 2019-20 school year.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ RYE is open to high school students or those who have just graduated.
- ❖ Students must be between the ages of 15 and 19 on departure. Students younger than 16 or older than 18 ½ will have a more narrow list of countries to which they can exchange due to some countries' age restrictions. Generally you may not be older than 19½ when the exchange year starts.
- ❖ Successful applicants will have:
  - ✓ Achieved above-average academic performance.
  - ✓ The recommendation of their current school.
  - ✓ A willingness to learn a foreign language.
  - ✓ The ability to be a good representative of Kansas, the USA and Rotary.

The first step is to complete a one-page club-level application. The application requires the student to write an essay relating why s/he wishes to be a Rotary Exchange student and to obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official. Applications are available on the [Downtown Topeka Rotary](#) website.

**Applications are due by October 26, 2018, and interviews will be scheduled the week of October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Applicants recommended by our club will be required to complete the RYE Long-Term Program Application and interview with Rotary District 5710 representatives in Johnson County in early December.

If you have questions please contact David Beck, (785) 817-0144 or email [beckman49@gmail.com](mailto:beckman49@gmail.com). More information may be obtained at [SCRYE.org](http://SCRYE.org).