



# Rotary District 9820 Youth Exchange Program 2017-2018

District Governor Lynne Westland 2016-2017

Dear President;

We are reaching out to clubs for expressions of interest in the 2018 Youth Exchange program. In 2017 we will have the pleasure of sending out 16 students on a life changing exchange. Student in 2017 will be placed with families and supported by a local Rotary Club in countries like, Norway, Finland, USA, Brazil, Germany, Italy to name just a few!

Exposure to different cultures ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote international understanding and peace. The Rotary Youth Exchange program provides thousands of young students with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience new cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

The program offers numerous benefits to its young participants and their Rotarian hosts and mentors, as well as to the community at large. Through Youth Exchange, students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country. As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Immersion in another country's educational system enhances their academic and personal growth. Host clubs and families and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.

District Governor Lynne Westland (2016-2017) and District Governor Elect Don Ripper (2017-2018) are now encouraging Clubs in District 9820 to get involved in Youth Exchange for the 2018 year.

District 9820 Youth Exchange Committee would encourage Clubs to contact them and ask a member of the committee to speak at your club and explain the exchange program to you in more detail. In 2017 thirteen clubs, have been involved with outbound students. Wouldn't it be great to increase this number? We want you involved.

Contact us NOW to express your Club's interest in being involved with the life changing Youth Exchange Program for both Inbound (July 2017) and Outbound (January 2018) students for the coming year.

Please complete the attached form and return to [secretary\\_yep@distict9820.org](mailto:secretary_yep@distict9820.org)

Yours in Rotary



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The **Rotary Club of** \_\_\_\_\_ is excited at the prospect of being involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2017- 2018.

We would like the opportunity to sponsor an Outbound student January 2018

**AND / OR**

We would like the opportunity to coordinate the hosting of an Inbound 2017 student

The agreement to participate in next year's program is based on the understanding that those Rotarians from our club who wish to be involved with the program must be fully compliant with the requirements of Rotary International in respect to the completion and reference checking of the Volunteer Information and Declaration (Form 3). I also understand that those members and host families must hold a current 'Working with Children Check'.

Youth Exchange Committee will run training sessions for Clubs that wish to be involved with the Youth Exchange Program. Training will cover all aspect of your involvement and responsibilities.

You and your club will have a great adventure by being involved.

President Name:

President Signature:

Date:

Club Protection Officer Name:

Club Protection Officer signature:

Date:

**Please complete and return before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Please scan and return to this form to:

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Or

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