

ARE YOU READY TO...

- ✓ Totally immerse yourself in a different culture?
- ✓ Make international friendships?
- ✓ Learn new ways to communicate including a new language?
- ✓ Appreciate other ways of doing things?
- ✓ Act as an ambassador for and teach others about Canada?

Then you're ready for
Rotary Youth Exchange!



Kyle Nickel in Netherlands (2014-2015)



Connor Malone in Thailand (2008-2009)



2020-2021

**Rotary Club
of Camrose**



More information at

www.clubrunner.ca/camrose

What is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program?



Ashley White in Austria (2016-2017)

Rotary International is a network of service clubs around the world dedicated to serving others & advancing international goodwill & understanding. Rotary's motto is *Service above Self*.

Each year more than 7000 young people have the opportunity of a lifetime— a chance to live in another country & see the world from a new perspective through Rotary Youth Exchange. **YOU COULD BE ONE OF THEM!**

Rotary Youth Exchange students spend most of a year in a different country living with host families & attending school. They learn a new way of living, a new language & culture, & a great deal about themselves.

As they learn, they also teach the people they meet about Canada & our culture. They become good-will ambassadors, helping to bring the world closer together & making many life-long friends in the process.

How Does It Work?

Students are hosted by a Rotary club. They stay with 1-4 host families & attend a local school. They are supported by a network of Rotarians both in their own & in their "adopted" countries.

How Are Students Chosen?

Students submit an application. We interview 3-4 (and their parents), & one student is nominated as our exchange student. Rotary District 5370 must then approve the nomination.

Characteristics we are looking for:

- ✓ Be at least 16 yrs old on 30 June 2020 and not turn 19 yrs before return in July 2021.
- ✓ Cannot have completed high school.
- ✓ Good character and reputation.
- ✓ Above average academic performance.
- ✓ Has shown leadership in school or community.
- ✓ Is flexible and willing to try new things.
- ✓ Enjoys and is comfortable meeting new people.
- ✓ Comfortable speaking in public.
- ✓ Parents whole-heartedly support the exchange.

Student Responsibilities

- ✓ Be an excellent ambassador of Canada & Rotary.
- ✓ Be open to new experiences & cultural differences.
- ✓ Follow program rules & accept the supervision of your host Rotary club & host parents.
- ✓ Be an active participant in exchange activities.
- ✓ Be conscientious, courteous, positive & friendly.
- ✓ Be grateful for your experiences & commit to giving back to your hosts & community.
- ✓ Be committed to immersing yourself in the culture & learning/experiencing as much as you can, including becoming fluent in a new language.

What Does It Cost?

Rotary Club of Camrose pays for airfare, insurance & travel documents (except passport). Host Rotary Club provides allowance & host families provide room & board. Student is responsible for clothing, optional trips & activities, \$500 emergency fund & additional spending money. Refundable \$500 deposit required as well as parent attendance at March 2020 orientation & August 2021 welcome back weekends.



Dustin Gagnon in Switzerland (2012-2013)

Where To?

Austria
Belgium
Denmark
Finland
France
Italy
Japan
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Sweden
Switzerland

For More Information

Interested students & a parent **MUST** attend the information session on Sept. 24 (7:30 pm) at CCHS library. More info at www.clubrunner.ca/camrose. Contact Donna Phillips with questions (780-608-7185 or dophi49@gmail.com).