

Rotary District 1390
Rotary Youth Exchange
Long-Term Exchange Program
Section A: Personal Information

Before you begin your application, be sure to read all instructions on the prior page.

1. Applicant Information

Full Legal Name as on passport or birth certificate (use uppercase for your FAMILY name; e.g., John David SMITH)		Name You Wish to be Called		<input type="checkbox"/> Male
[REDACTED], Anniina Vilma Kustaava		Anniina [REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
Home Address - Street	City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
[REDACTED]	Parola		13720	Finland
Postal Address (if different) - Street	City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
[REDACTED]			13720	Finland
E-mail Address		Skype		Mobile Phone Number
[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]
Place of Birth (City, State/Province, Country)		Citizen of (Country)		Date of Birth (e.g., 25/Jan/1999)
Hattula		Finland		16/Oct/1998

2. Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Full Name of Father/Legal Guardian		Rotarian?	If yes, name of Rotary Club	
[REDACTED] Juha-Pekka Henrikki		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hämeenlinna-Aulanko	
Address - Street	City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		13800	Finland
E-mail Address	Home Phone Number	Mobile Phone Number		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
Occupation	Business Phone Number	Skype		
Farmer				
Full Name of Mother/Legal Guardian		Rotarian?	If yes, name of Rotary Club	
[REDACTED] Minna Päivi Talvikki		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Address - Street	City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
[REDACTED]	Parola		13720	Finland
E-mail Address	Home Phone Number	Mobile Phone Number		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
Occupation	Business Phone Number	Skype		
Marketing-assistant				
In the event of an emergency, which parent or legal guardian should be contacted first (you must select one)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if your parents are divorced or separated. Authorizations must be obtained from all parents/legal guardians and others who have legal rights to decisions affecting the student's participation. Explanation is required if signatures of two parents or legal guardians are not provided.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mother				

3. Sponsor District and Rotary Club

Sponsor District Number	Name of Sponsor District Youth Exchange Chair	E-mail Address
1390	Timo Hänninen	timo.hanninen@phnet.fi
Sponsor Rotary Club	Name of Sponsor Club Youth Exchange Officer	E-mail Address
Hämeenlinna-Verkatehdas	Kristian Röberg	kristian.roberg@pp.inet.fi

Applicant Name XXXXXXXXXX, Anniina Vilma Kustaava

4. Personal Background

Religion Evangelical Lutheran	Dietary Restrictions (Enter "None", or explain with details - e.g., vegetarian, vegan, allergic to...) No
Do you smoke or use tobacco products? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please explain.
Do you drink alcohol? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please explain.
Have you ever used illegal drugs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please explain.
Do you have a steady boy/girlfriend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you been together, and how often do you go out?

Answering yes to these questions will not automatically eliminate you as a candidate; however, it may require special consideration of host family or country assignments.

5. Siblings (add pages as necessary)

Name	Gender	Age	Occupation or School Grade/Level	Living at Home?
Marianne	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	20	Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Heikki-Pekka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	22	Elementary school instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

6. Languages

Your Native Language	Proficiency in Non-Native Language(s) (indicate Poor, Fair, Good, or Fluent)			
Finnish	Years Studied	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	9	Good	Good	Good
Swedish	4	Fair	Fair	Fair
Russian	2	Poor	Poor	Poor

7. Secondary School Information

Name of Secondary School You Currently Attend Parolan lukio		School Phone Number +358505090333	School Fax Number	
Address - Street Myllytie 33		City Parola	State/Province	Postal Code 13720
			Country Finland	
Number of grades/levels at your school 12	Your current grade level (e.g., 10 th , 11 th) 10	Month and year you expect to graduate June, 2018	No. of years you've attended this school 4	
List the courses you are currently taking Mathematics, biology, English, Finnish, P.E., history, religion, Swedish, geography, music, I.T., physics, chemistry, art, psychology, social studies, philosophy				
Consult with a school official or guidance counselor to find out the following information:				
Total number of students at your school 170	Number of students in your grade level 67	Your approx. class ranking (e.g., top 10%, 12 th of 56) top 10%		
Name and title of school official or counselor that you consulted Reijo Järvinen, principal		E-mail address of school official or counselor reijo.jarvinen@kktavastia.fi		
Attach a transcript, in English, of all secondary school courses completed with grades you received. Also attach your most recent grade report from the current year.				

Anniina [redacted]

Hi!

I'm Anniina [redacted] I'm a 16-year-old girl from Finland, who is used to live quite a steady life with old friends and familiar high school. That is about to change a lot – and I'm looking forward to it.

My community is named Hattula. It is near Hämeenlinna, which is a semi-small town between two major cities in Finland, Helsinki and Tampere. There is about 7000 people in my community, Hattula. We have lots of different tiny shops and little companies. The community is on kind of on the country side, so it is pretty small and "normal". There's rarely anything special. Sometimes there are events, like small gigs. Our economy isn't absolutely perfect, but it's fine. I could say it's kind of a generic Finnish community.

My parents divorced almost ten years ago, so I have two homes. I have my own room in both houses. My father's house is a big, tidy, orange-white detached house. It has two floors and a basement. It also has a large yard, which also includes our smaller warehouse-like house, an old byre (which is nowadays used as storage, garage and workshop), a kiln and so on. It's about 4,5 kilometers from my school and I take busses to there and back.

My mum's house is kind of small, but it has plenty room for me, my mum and our dog. It has a small yard, which has lots of different plants in it. My mom's house is nearly always messy, but it makes it feel homely. It is little over kilometer from my school, and in morning my mother often drives me to school. I walk home from there.

My mother is a marketing-assistant and sells hot-air balloon flights. My father is a farmer but he also rents cottages and does forest management.

I have taken many trips outside of Finland. I have been in Egypt, Thailand, Spain, Great Britain, Greece and of course every Finnish people's basic two foreign countries to visit: Estonian and Sweden. We are this New Year going to Florida. I have travelled with just my family, mainly there isn't even anyone else with us. We have been travelling quite a lot, because we like to see new countries and have new experiences with my family. When we travel further than neighbor country, we almost every time are there 1-2 weeks. In Estonia or Sweden we spend 0-2 nights at a time.

It's my first year in high school at the moment, so I take many subjects, so we know what do we want to take in matriculation examinations. My subjects are mathematics, biology, English, Finnish, P.E., history, religion, Swedish, Geography, I.T., music, physics, chemistry, art, psychology and social studies. I'm going to keep taking courses of mathematics, biology, English, Finnish, I.T., chemistry and physics. I want to pick them because I'm interested in mathematic subjects and biology fits well with others.

In my school lessons are 45 minutes long. We have 5 lessons per week per course.

On just a normal day I wake up around 7-8am. I eat breakfast and go to school, which usually starts 8:30am. In school I take lessons till 10:30am, when we have a lunch break. I usually eat school food. After lunch break I keep going to lessons till 2-4pm.

As said, I like mathematic subjects, though they are sometimes very hard. I also am interested in art subjects, but I'm not planning to make a job out of them. I like art as a hobby. For example, I am in my school's articulatory club, which is called Pilke (comes from Parolan ILmaisutaitoKERho, which basically means Parola's articulatory club). I was the club's "second director" last year, when our director went to study to another city.

In my freetime I usually see my friends, sing, play piano or guitar, draw, write, read, go jogging or play video games. In the evening I do my homework. I have also couple hobbies: I go to "isko" or "isokoulutus", which basically means "training of group leaders for confirmation school". I also am in articulatory club.

Anniina

I haven't got a clear idea about what I'm going to do as my job in the future. I've thought a medic-related career, but at this moment I'm so interested in physics the plans might change a lot still. I haven't found any realistic career that would have seemed like my dream job. For example, a doctor could be a good job for me, because I like to help and work with people and it would be something I'm interested in.

As an exchange student I'd like to grow up as a person. I believe it's going to be a great experience and I'm already looking forward to it. It's cool to meet new people around the whole world and maybe even get friends for a lifetime. I hope I'd maybe learn country's language (better) and get to know to a new culture from a whole different level than just by visiting country as a tourist. I also hope that homecoming is going to be nice and I will carry lots of new memories with me. I don't know yet what I'll be like when I get back home, but I don't really believe this experience is something that would change it to worse.

I feel that my strong sides are that I adjust easily to new situations, I have good common sense and I am determined. I also learn new things pretty quickly and am responsible and quite independent. I try to think positively and am not afraid to tell my own opinion. My weaknesses are that it's hard for me to just get things done (I get them done always, still) and I can't always express my feelings. I'm also a bit lazy and my room is often at least little messy.

I dislike people who can't state reasons to their opinions or actions. I like to make my decisions by myself or asking others for help; telling me what to do just makes me feel like a child who can't have her own opinions. If it comes to conflict, I like to discuss about it and make a decision, which satisfies both sides. It isn't either nice to try to get along with someone, who can't think objectively.

Also, I dislike butterflies, unlike for example bees, very much for some reason. I haven't got any food I would particularly dislike, I can eat almost any food if there isn't anything I would like especially.

So, thank you so much for this opportunity. I hope we'll have a good time there and I'm really looking forward to see how it is going to go! I already feel like I've done something right: finally in autumn deciding that I want to be an exchange student.

Regards,

Anniina

Anniina

Hattula 18th of December, 2014

Dear host club and host families,

My daughter, Anniina, is so lucky that she is going to be an exchange student with you.

I am Anniina's mother, Minna. We have separated with her father almost ten years ago and she lives with me every two weeks and with her father every two weeks. Anniina and I are very, very close. Our relationship is very loving and we talk openly about many things and feelings. We have a very warm relationship.

Anniina's brother has moved away on his own some years ago, but he is living in the neighbor city. They see each others regularly and they get along very well. Anniina's sister has moved one year ago to study in a city 100 km away, but Anniina sees her also quite often and they get along well.

Anniina is a loyal friend. She gets along very well with many people and then she has five very close friends. She cares about her friends and they have lots of fun together.

When disagreements appear she will say very clearly her own point of view, but she is able to talk about them. We mostly talk the disagreements away. With discipline at home she doesn't like that someone is just telling her things without explaining the reasons. I negotiate with her about things. If she is at school, in a camp or other place with strict rules, she obeys them with no difficulties. She is adjustable. With frustration she might get angry for a while, but it goes away soon. She can quite well handle the 'bad' feelings and manages to get over them. Talking things out is the best way.

The difficult or challenging situations can create stress for her, but again when she gets over the stress, she is ready to manage the situations. She knows very well that some unpleasant feelings and happenings just are a part of the life even though they are not the nice part. In a challenging situation she might seem reserved.

I give Anniina quite much independence. She has grown to it a bit by bit. And even though she is just sixteen I think she is quite mature for her age. She can think clearly about things. Of course she still needs guidance, but she thinks responsibly.

I am very proud of her for just being herself. She is a sweet girl, smiling, happy, honest, she can create new things, she is artistic, but also mathematically talented. I am proud to go to see when she is acting in a school play or singing with the friends. I am proud that she is brave to go to be an exchange student. She is eager to see new places and meet new people. She might seem a bit shy in new situations, but she actually is not very shy.

I know that a year as an exchange student gives her a lifetime experience. She will see so much. She will see different places, happenings, people. She will have experiences that you can not get in any other way and she might get new lifetime friends. She will be so much richer with experiences, with memories. And the year will teach her a lot about other people, about herself, about life.

Anniina [REDACTED]

I have been a Rotary exchange student 1981-1982 in Arizona, USA. I had a really good year, a full year of life and experiences. But it is not me who has suggested Anniina to go. She herself started to say that she wants to be an exchange student. It is her wish, so I know that she is ready for it.

Thank you so much, that you will give my daughter the possibility to live with you and thank you for taking care of her. I hope that she will give you new experiences also and that she will bring greetings from Finland to you.

Yours sincerely,

Anniina's mother

Minna [REDACTED]

Applicant Name **PONKASARI** Anniina Vilma Kustaava

Student's Photos

Select a color photograph for each topic below, and digitally insert or attach each photo to this page with glue or double-sided tape (do not staple). Include brief captions, to describe the photos.

MY FAMILY



My father and his wife ~~are~~ are on the left side. Me and my siblings are on the right. In the middle is my aunt, her man and my grandparents.

MY SPECIAL INTEREST



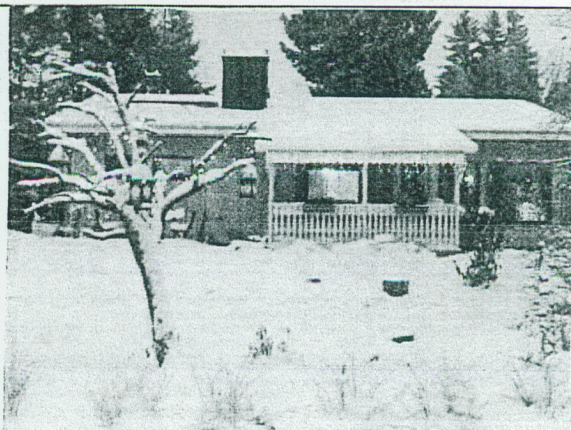
This is my articulatory club after our last show

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ME



Here's me and some of my best friends

MY HOME



This is my mother's ~~home~~ house

