

## Rate yourself as a foreign exchange student

There are at least two selection interview sessions in which candidates will be rated by a panel of adults and former youth exchange students. How would you rate yourself? Complete the evaluation form below to determine how strong a candidate you will be by circling your answers, totaling them, and comparing them to the scores below.

### Questionnaire:

	Yes	Usually	No
1. Would you like to represent the United States, your state, your city and school in another country?	5	0	0
2. Are you willing and capable of learning another language?	10	0	0
3. Do you scholastically rank in the upper half of your class?	15	0	0
4. Will you be a sophomore, junior or senior at the time of formal application (September 2019)?	10	0	0
5. Will you be between the ages of 16 and 18 1/2 when you leave the country (August 2020)?	10	0	0
6. Would your parents be supportive of you being an exchange student?	15	0	0
7. Could you stand to be away from your family and friends for eleven months?	5	0	0
8. Are you a positive thinker and basically a happy person?	5	3	0
9. Do you like to meet people?	5	3	0
10. Are you flexible and able to adjust to unanticipated situations?	10	6	0
11. Are you ambitious, eager to take on tasks?	5	3	0
12. Are you dependable; do you follow through on projects and promises?	5	3	0

### Evaluation:

61-75 Needs improvement to be considered.

76-88 Good prospect; review weaknesses and work to strengthen them.

89-100 Excellent candidate. Be sure to apply right away.

**A Year's Journey... A Lifetime's Experience!**

Rotary Youth Exchange... A Step Toward World Understanding

YEAR 2020-21

Sponsored by La Crosse Area Rotary Clubs

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

# A step toward world understanding

## Live a year in another country

Enjoy the unique experience of attending high school while living in another country! Rotary International's program annually involves 10,000+ high school students living nearly a year in a foreign country.

La Crosse, as part of the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange program, sends students to over 30 countries:

Argentina	France	Peru
Australia	Germany	Philippines
Austria	Guatemala	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Romania
Bolivia	India	Slovak Republic
Brazil	Indonesia	South Africa
Chile	Italy	South Korea
Columbia	Japan	Spain
Croatia	Latvia	Sweden
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Switzerland
Denmark	Mexico	Taiwan
Ecuador	Netherlands	Thailand
Estonia	Norway	Venezuela
Faroe Islands	Paraguay	Zambia
Finland		

## Eligibility

- Must be sophomores to seniors in high school at the time of application and 16 to 18 1/2 years old when they leave for their assigned country.
- Freshmen are encouraged to attend the informational session to learn about the program.
- Applicants for the program must rank in the upper half of their class.

Exchange students must agree while in their host country they will **NOT**:

1. Drive a motorized vehicle
2. Use drugs
3. Drink alcoholic beverages, or
4. Become romantically involved.

Laws of the country must be obeyed.

*"As an exchange student, my eyes were opened to the country where I was born, and to a whole new world of possibilities."*

- Esme Brakke

Exchange Student to Mexico, 2017-18



## La Crosse area students abroad

Over the years, dozens of La Crosse area students have lived and studied abroad. Many say that it was the best year of their lives. You can see the world and make a difference.

## Learning the language

Learning the language prior to leaving your assigned country is not required, but it is very helpful. Usually, students will adequately learn the language within three months of their arrival with the help of their host family and friends. Some language preparation may be necessary depending on the country you visit. Many students come back fluent in a new language, which can be a lifelong benefit.

## Parents' obligations

A fee of approximately \$7,000 will cover airfare, 4 orientation meetings, medical insurance and administrative expenses. During your student's year abroad, you should experience savings due to food, car insurance, etc.

The hosting Rotary club provides an allowance of \$75 a month for the student to cover incidentals, and is responsible for arranging suitable families who will provide food, lodging, schooling, and supervision.

## For more information & how to apply

Parents and Students: To get more details on this exciting and meaningful program, please join us:

### Informational meeting for parents and students:

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at The Children's Museum of La Crosse, 207 5th Ave. South, La Crosse.

Preliminary application (attached to this brochure) is due on September 19, 2019 after the meeting.

### Important dates:

Local interviews..... September 30, 2019

Final application due..... October 25, 2019

District Interviews..... November 3, 2019 (Baraboo)

For more information about the Rotary Youth Exchange program, please go to [www.csrye.org](http://www.csrye.org) or call Anne Snow at (608) 797-7845.

Tear along the dotted line and return.

## Preliminary Application

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Return by 9/19/19 to Anne Snow at [anne@funmuseum.org](mailto:anne@funmuseum.org) • 207 5th Ave. S. • La Crosse, WI 54601  
OR bring to informational meeting on 9/19/19