



## Rotary Youth Exchange

### Who/What is Rotary?

- International network of community volunteers
  - Members are business, professional, and community leaders
  - Provide humanitarian service, build good will
  - Over 33,000 clubs around the world
  - Over 1.2 million Rotarians world wide
  - Started Youth Exchange in 1929

### What is Youth Exchange?

- Opportunity for high school students to live in foreign country for up to a year
  - Learn new way of living
  - Become skilled with new language
  - Be an ambassador – teach about our country
  - Develop new set of international friends
  - Learn more about yourself
  - Broaden your world view

### The Program Newport offers:

- Usually last one school year
- Live with two or three host families
- Enjoy activities with host family
- Attend school
- Host families are carefully screened and selected by Rotary

### What are the qualifications?

- Open to high school students ages 15 – 18.5
- Should be above average student
- Demonstrate leadership in community
- Be flexible and willing to try new things
- Act as cultural ambassador
- Language proficiency depends on country
- Must be sponsored by local Rotary club
- Complete application and interview

### What are the costs?

- Costs vary with country where exchange occurs
  - Room and board is covered by host family.
    - The hosting club will pay a stipend of about \$100 a month
  - Typically students and parents cover following:
    - Application fee - \$1,400
      - includes Insurance for medical, accident, and illness coverage
    - Round trip airfare
    - Travel documents like passport and visas
    - Spending money, ancillary travel, tours

### What countries are available?

- As of October 2012, about 43 countries
  - Includes most of Europe, South America, some Asia and some Africa
  - On application you list your top 5 in order
  - No guarantee you will get first choice
  - Over 8,000 students participate each year

### What are my next steps?

- Look for website [www.exchangestudent.org/](http://www.exchangestudent.org/)
- Discuss with parents
- Complete application by November 5, 2012
- Return to [Essex@newportrotary.org](mailto:Essex@newportrotary.org)

### Questions? [Essex@newportrotary.org](mailto:Essex@newportrotary.org)

- Google search for Rotary Youth Exchange You Tube