

An Opportunity
for Rotarians
to Invest in
Canadian
Youth



Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program

May 1 - May 4, 2016

The Event

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves, they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.



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The Program

The program evolves from year to year in response to the changing political agenda of the country and to new opportunities.

The following is a brief description of a typical program:

Day 1: The Adventure begins with introductions and our opening plenary session with a keynote speaker and a mock election for the program's Prime Minister is announced. After lunch, the Adventurers will enjoy a tour of the city and its many historical sites, followed by a visit to a national museum. The first day will end in the Province of Quebec with a French Canadian traditional dinner and music provided by a group of Quebec fiddlers.

Day 2: The students will spend the morning in discussions with the Speaker and staff members of the House of Commons and tour the Parliament Buildings. They prepare for election style debates later in the day. The afternoon program will include an opportunity to meet with Foreign and Canadian Diplomats from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The evening ends with an informal supper and an Adventurer run talent show highlighting the student's diverse talents!

Day 3: Students spend the morning discussing the importance of social engagement; an important topic for their afternoon election! They will interact with local Rotaractors as well as national and international leaders in social justice. After lunch, there will be an interactive presentation on voting, human rights, and peace and conflict resolution. The day will close with the announcement of the Programs' Prime Minister, followed by a dinner/dance.

Day 4: The Adventurers will attend a special sitting of the Citizenship Court where they will have the privilege of participating in and witnessing new Canadians receiving their citizenship. The program will close with a farewell lunch where our guest speakers are the Adventurers themselves (the Prime Minister, plus representatives from each province and territory). The students are joined by our host families and other dignitaries for our final farewell.



Responsibility of Sponsoring Rotary Club

- Apply for a reservation in the 2016 Rotary Adventure Program by submitting the reservation form with the \$650 fee by the deadline date Dec 18, 2015. (Only the first 200 clubs can be accepted).
- Wait for the acceptance of your application. Upon acceptance of your application, proceed with the selection of the student.
- You will be advised by January 15, 2016 if your application has been accepted. If your application is not accepted, your registration fee will be returned.
- Name of student to be sponsored by your Club must be provided to the Rotary Club of Ottawa no later than March 7, 2016. All required forms will be supplied to you with notification of acceptance.
- The sponsoring club is responsible for paying the registration fee of \$650 and air, train, or bus fare from the student's home to Ottawa and return.



Responsibility of Rotary Club Of Ottawa

- The Rotary Club of Ottawa is responsible for any costs incurred for accommodation, meals and transport of the participants during the program in the national capital area.
- Host families will be provided in the national capital area beginning Saturday, April 30 until Wednesday, May 4, 2016. The Host Family will provide bed and breakfast and ensure that the student is transported to and from the program daily. There will always be two or more participants placed with each Host Family.
- The names, addresses and phone numbers of the host family will be supplied directly to the student prior to their departure for Ottawa.



Choosing The Participants

- Sponsorship of participants in this program is limited to Canadian Rotary Clubs, and a club may sponsor only one student between the ages of 16 and 18. The maximum number of students to be accepted in the 2016 program is 200, and we reserve the right to limit the number of applications from any region of Canada in the interests of maintaining a reasonable geographical balance.
- The Rotary Adventure Program is recognized in the Nation's Capital for the quality and the enthusiasm of the students that participate. This is as a direct result of the selection process utilized by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs. We encourage all participating Clubs to continue to give special attention to the selection of their representatives. Strong candidates contribute to the overall experience of everyone involved.

The Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship Award:

"The mission of the Young Citizens Foundation is to assist young Canadians to grow and mature as committed, knowledgeable and contributing Canadian citizens. The Foundation achieves this objective by encouraging young Canadians to participate in development programs operated by nationally recognized organizations such as Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship, that provide life-learning opportunities for our youth which will significantly influence and benefit their development as committed Canadian citizens. Participation in these organizations develops leadership skills, exposes students to the various citizenship ideals that the country values and provides some very positive mentoring.

The provision of post-secondary scholarships will enable these students to continue their education so that they can achieve positions of leadership in their communities, regionally and nationally. The Foundation also wants to provide an opportunity for those individuals, corporations and organizations that wish to assist the Foundation in this worthwhile endeavor to donate to a well-managed, cost-effective, non-profit charitable foundation.

The Young Citizens Foundation will partner with us to offer three deserving participants in the Adventure in Citizenship program a \$1,000.00 scholarship for first year tuition.

We encourage all Rotary Clubs in Canada to familiarize yourself with the goals of the Young Citizens Foundation by visiting their website www.youngcitizensfoundation.ca and to consider supporting the Young Citizens Foundation in this initiative."