

A Step Toward World Understanding

What is Rotary Youth Exchange?

- Opportunity to learn a new culture and language
- Opportunity to be an ambassador
- Opportunity to make friends for a lifetime
- It's a year of adventure

The Rotary Club of Sun Prairie, as part of the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange program, sends students to 40 countries:

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| Australia | Greece | Paraguay |
| Argentina | Hungary | Peru |
| Belgium | India | Poland |
| Brazil | Indonesia | Spain |
| Chile | Italy | Sweden |
| Croatia | Japan | Switzerland |
| Denmark | South Korea | Taiwan |
| Estonia | Latvia | Thailand |
| Finland | Lithuania | Zambia |
| France | Mexico | + many more |
| Germany | Norway | <i>(List is subject to change)</i> |

When applying, indicate which countries interest you and we attempt to place you in one of them. Unfortunately, due to the nature of our program we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in a specific country.

Eligibility

- Between 16 and 18.5 years old at the time of departure
- Must have a GPA of at least 2.75 or be in the top 50% of your class

Exchange students must agree while in their host country they will not drive a motorized vehicle, use drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, or become romantically involved. Laws of the country must be obeyed.

Why Rotary?

Rotary Youth Exchange is for high school aged students who are interested in living and studying abroad for one year. Its goal is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the largest, oldest and most respected Youth Exchange Programs.

Key reasons to consider Rotary:

- Orientation/training process before you leave
- Hosted by a Rotary Club and Host Families
- Activities with Rotary/Rotarians
- Low Cost / Everyone is a volunteer

Learning the Language

Learning the language prior to leaving to your assigned country is not required, but it is very helpful. Usually, students will adequately learn the language within 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 including visas and language camps (if required). During your student's year abroad, you should experience savings due to food, car insurance, etc...

The hosting Rotary club provides a minimum 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.

Recent Student Comments

"Even though my exchange only lasted for a year, the knowledge, strength, confidence and independence I've gained will stay with me forever."

- Martha Anglehart

Exchange to Czech Republic, 2011-12

How to apply

If you are interested in this exciting and meaningful program for the 2018-19 school year, simply return the preliminary application. Your local Rotary Club will contact you to set up an interview and answer questions.

For more information

To obtain further information about The Rotary Youth Exchange program, go to www.csrye.org or contact Toni Pabon at 608-628-7306, toni.pabon@charter.net

**Preliminary Applications are due
October 1, 2017**

**Final Applications are due
December 1, 2017**

**District Interviews are
November 5, 2017**



Preliminary Application

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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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 |
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| 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 2017)?..... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Will you be between the ages of 16 and 18 ½ when you leave the country (Summer 2018)?..... | 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

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| 61-75 | Need improvement to be considered. |
| 76-88 | Good prospect; review weaknesses and work to strengthen them. |
| 89-100 | Excellent candidate. |

Year
2018-19



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

~ Marcel Proust

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