



YOUTH EXCHANGE and CLUB PROGRAMS

Long Term Exchange

Started in 1927, it is a full year high school exchange program for students from 15 to 18 ½ years old to promote world understanding and peace on a person-to-person basis. The program involves over 8,000 students each year sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 82 countries around the world. Applicants are sponsored by a Rotary club where they live, and they are matched with a host Rotary club in the country they visit. The student attends the same school while living with two or three different host families during the year.

There is also an opportunity for families, whether they are Rotary families or not, to host students from other cultures.

Short Term Exchange

This program gives students, ages 15-19, the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange for a time period of four weeks to six months. Depending upon how long they are in the country, they may or may not attend school. New Generations Exchanges is a similar program for young adults from 18 to 25 years old.

Summer Exchange Program

This is a three or four-week exchange program where a participant, aged 15-19, lives with a host family during the summer. This is a mutual exchange – the American participant will live in another country for 3-4 weeks, and then bring back a host sibling to live in his/her home for 3-4 weeks



Interact Club

Interact is a service and social club for young people aged 14-18 years old. Its goal is to develop valuable leadership and teamwork skills in club members. The sponsoring Rotary club guides the Interact club in developing local and international service projects. Interact clubs exist in 110 countries with almost 200,000 members.



Rotaract Club

Rotaract is a service club for young adults ages 18-30. Begun in 1968, Rotaract clubs are usually community based or university based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club as a "partner in service". There are now 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 155 countries. The objectives of this program are to develop professional and leadership skills, and ethical standards, and provide opportunities for personal and group activities to serve the community and promote

international understanding and goodwill toward all people.



(Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Rotary International adopted RYLA in 1971. Our District sends high school students chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses paid camp to discuss and use leadership skills. The goals of the program are to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; provide effective training experience; encourage leadership of youth by youth, and publicly recognize young people who are rendering service to their communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS Rotary International

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Since 1947, Rotary has sent nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations to study abroad, on both academic (graduate and undergraduate programs) and cultural scholarships. The purpose of these scholarships is to further international understanding and friendly relationships between people of different cultures. To be eligible for one of these scholarships the applicant must be sponsored by a Rotary club, either where the student attends school, or where the student lives.

Peace and Conflict Studies Scholars

This program, begun in 2006, provides professionals from around the world the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies to help in efforts to secure peace. Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private corporations. Applications must come through the local Rotary club for this outstanding experience. District 6440 had a successful candidate in the first class of Peace Scholars.



SCHOLARSHIPS District 6440

Vocational Scholarships

Rotary District 6440's Vocational Scholarship Program provides educational opportunities for men and women in the District who are preparing for careers that require less than a four-year degree (Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate) in

order to enter into those careers and become successful and productive. Annually up to 25 vocational scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each are offered to full-time students enrolled in a vocational degree or certificate program at an accredited school. Applicants must be high school graduates, have a GED or be non-traditional students, and be sponsored by a Rotary District 6440 Club. (Each club can sponsor up to two students.) Permanent residence in the District is required, although the winners do not have to attend school in the District.

For more information about how to sponsor a youth or young adult for any of these programs please visit the District 6440 website at:
www.rotary6440.org

Youth and Young Adult Programs



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or Young Adult
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and the World**

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