



Building Peace One Young Person at a Time



Rotary Youth Exchange is the opportunity of a lifetime for the more than 9,000 students who participate each year. Students get to share their own culture and embrace a new one which helps foster global understanding.

Club Obligations

- Recruit an outbound student (September/October) to go outbound in August of the following year.
- Assign a YEX Chair from your club
- Ensure inbound and outbound students attend mandatory events (4 per year)
- Ensure minimum 3 host families for inbound student (does not have to be a Rotarian)
- Assign a counsellor of the same gender for the inbound
- Integrate your inbound into your club
- HAVE FUN!!

District Support for Clubs

- District Youth Exchange Chair and Youth Exchange Committee with many years of experience with YEX
- District New Generations Chair with over 10 years of experience with YEX
- Partner district Youth Exchange Chair, Counsellor and YEX Club Chair
- Training for Club YEX Chair
- Training and support for Outbound students and their families
- Marketing Materials for recruiting
- Guidebooks for host families
- Certification through Rotary International for all exchange districts

Who Is eligible to go?

- Students must, at time of departure (August), be at least 15 ½ and must not be older than 17 years & 6 months as of July 1st in the year of departure
- Outbound students must be CANADIAN citizens
- Applicants must have an outgoing, flexible and pleasant personality to fit them for the role as an "Ambassador"

How long do exchanges last?

Long-term exchanges last 11 months, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families. During their exchange students have the opportunity to go on local, regional and multi country tours.

Our district also facilitates Short Term Exchanges (STEP) during the months of July and August. This is a family to family exchange with each matched student staying one month with their host family. The cost of this program is \$150 per application.



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What are the costs?

Cost to the club under our new model are as follows:

- Youth Exchange Program Fee \$900 (use to be \$3,500)
- Inbound Student allowance \$130 per month for 10 months
- Incidentals at the discretion of the club.

Cost to the outbound family:

- \$3,500 of which \$500 is a security deposit
- Travel Insurance \$800 - \$1,200 depending on the country
- Optional tours (i.e Eurotour) – maximum \$4,000
- Incidentals at the discretion of the family/student

Remember, a family will save money not having a teenager at home (groceries, sports, lessons etc.)

How can our club get involved?

If your club is interested in getting involved in Youth Exchange, you start now. If you recruit an outbound student this fall, there is no financial obligation in the current rotary year. Your obligation will be in the 2020/2021 rotary year.

