

411 ON THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Convenient

Short Term (3 to 6-week family-to-family exchange)	Long Term: Typically 10 to 11 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Exchanges to a family in the country of their choice and they return with the Host Brother/Sister of the exchange family to reciprocate hosting them in our country ○ Length of time depends on each family involved and what country the Exchange is made to, maximum 3 weeks each way ○ Typically travel with the Host Family within their means and schedules ○ By Rotary and US State Department Regulations, all families are vetted ○ No school attendance involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total immersion program to learn the language and culture of the country exchanging to ○ Typically 1-3 Host Families during the Exchange year ○ Typically travel programs within the Host District available and any other travel with the Host Family within their means ○ Students are required to attend school during their Exchange, which also facilitates in learning the Culture and Language ○ IB families vetted as required by Rotary and US State Department Regulations

Short Term costs (\$301.00 + airfare)	Long Term costs (\$1,300-\$1,950 + airfare)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application fee (\$100) • Required Insurance (\$76) • Administrative costs of processing the application, including ESSEX fees (\$125) • The cost of roundtrip airfare (this will differ with the Student's country choice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application fee (\$50) • Required Insurance (\$250-\$900) (this will vary with each insurance plan and the requirements of the country the Student is exchanging to) • Training and Administrative Costs of processing the application (\$1000), • The cost of roundtrip airfare (this will differ with the Student's country choice)

Affordable

Comparing the price of a Rotary Long Term Exchange, dollar for dollar, to a year in most colleges, is less expensive and the benefits from a year abroad cannot be matched

Comparing costs, fees and benefits with other Exchange programs, you will find Rotary to be the most beneficial and the least expensive program

Vital

- **Cultural Emersion** - If learning a culture and being fluent in a language is a goal, then a Total Immersion program is a better choice.
- ✓ **Language Fluency** - Students learn the language of their country choice, as it is spoken and written, within a few months of their Exchange and most return home fluent. It doesn't matter how many years of language training they acquired in school before their Exchange, there is no comparison with learning 'on the job'.
- ✓ **Wise Addition to College, Employment Applications and Resumes** - In today's competitive world, a year abroad, in a Total Immersion Program gives the 'edge' needed to 'stand out' on a college and/or employment application/resume. More and more colleges and employers look for the person that brings more to the table.
- ✓ **Global Awareness Raised** - Looking at many of the curriculums in the colleges today, shows a significant amount of global studies courses, as our very competitive world steers our academic population to the necessary tools for remaining globally competitive. A year abroad studying and living in another country gives students a head start. They become more marketable for employment and certainly become an asset to any college campus community.
- ✓ **Global Connections Far Reaching** - Students that have completed Long and Short Term Exchanges abroad have connections to their 'overseas' families and friends for life, if they so wish, which can be an asset in travel, employment and vacation in the future.

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