



ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

SUMMER YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION ROTARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Are you a student who will be between 15 and 19 years of age next summer, who is of good character and reputation, with an outgoing personality who seeks a challenge? You can now apply for the Rotary Youth Summer Exchange Program. Rotary organizes summer exchanges with many countries, including Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Thailand. If you know a student who would benefit, tell them about this wonderful opportunity.

The program involves pairing a high school student (15 to 19 years old) with a student from a foreign country. They each live in the other's home as part of the family for three or four weeks. Each student's family is responsible for the cost of travel and insurance for their student.

The program is a unique way for a student to travel abroad, to see a foreign country through the eyes of a local family, to learn about local customs, and to experience the local culture. In a few weeks they will learn more than a tourist would in many months and make a lifelong foreign friend as well.

Applications are now being accepted through [Insert your club's internal deadline*] by the Rotary Club of _____. Contact [name of club Youth Officer/Counselor] for more information and an application form at [email and/or phone number]. An entire application packet must be submitted by December 15, 2018.

*Note that full application packets are due to the district on December 15, 2018 and many students wait until the last minute to apply.