

# Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange, Inc.

## Country Information Report 2025-26 - Long Term

### Belgium

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2007 to 08/01/2009 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.5

District 2160 only - Basic French or greater, studying to improve before arrival. Graduated students - limited case-by case review, not generally available at schools. Record of good academic achievement. Will not host students with medical indications of current or previous mental disorders, including nervous, emotional, mental abnormality, functional fatigue, depression, suicide attempts, eating disorders, antisocial behavior, ADD/ADHD, or taking medications for same, or other similar conditions requires evaluation and approval by D2160 medical team, acceptance not guaranteed. Undisclosed ailments, conditions or medications are grounds for early return. Vaccines including EU accepted COVID are mandatory (NO waivers allowed). Emergency fund=EUR 400 cash. Belgium Insurance required (EUR 500-700). O-E Supplemental insurance required as well. Natural Family should not visit during the exchange. NO Distance Learning with home country while on exchange. Trips will be available but details to follow. Non-Binary students not accepted per their stated policy.

### Brazil

IB Slots: 7 OB Slots: 7 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

LOCATION: 13 districts of 38 throughout Brazil; RESTRICTIONS: none; LANGUAGE: basic Portuguese before arrival; INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1000 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: July-25 to Aug-29; DEPARTURE: June-01 to July-10; FAMILY VISITS: may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Rotary tours are offered

### Chile

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2008 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/15/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.5

LOCATION: Central Chile, D4340; RESTRICTIONS: Strict 17.5 age maximum upon arrival; LANGUAGE: Basic Spanish before arrival. INSURANCE: Must purchase O-E specified medical & liability insurance Plan A. EMERGENCY FUND: -\$500 USD.

### Colombia

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/10/2007 to 02/10/2010 Arrival Date: 08/10/2025 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

LOCATION: D4281; northern 2/3 of country RESTRICTIONS: all HS age students and graduates are OK; no smokers; dietary restrictions are OK LANGUAGE: basic Spanish before arrival; no formal language camp INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1100 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$ 400 US VISAS: student visa during exchange; immigration fees \$100 US ; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-10 to Aug-15 DEPARTURE: Jul 4 to Jul 20 FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered

### Ecuador

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: D4400 = Entire country. RESTRICTIONS: will not accept smokers; HS Graduates OK; Dietary challenges OK. LANGUAGE: Basic Spanish before arrival; Spanish Language and Orientation Camps. Cost \$500.00 paid by the student. (MANDATORY). (5 days 4 nights). INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1100 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 US. VISAS: Student visa is needed. <http://www.ecuador-travel-guide.org/general/VISASs.htm> . Fee is \$50. OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: 23-25 August; DEPARTURE: between 30-June and 15-July. FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS 4 separate Rotary Trips are offered. 1st trip in October is FREE, other three range from \$900 - \$1500 approx.

### Ethiopia

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 15.0 18.0

### Finland

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2008 to 08/01/2009 Arrival Date: 08/06/2025 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 17.5

LOCATION: Finland & Estonia (infrequent) RESTRICTIONS: No high school graduates; No smokers. LANGUAGE: Language test at the end of the exchange INSURANCE: O-E Plan 1. EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 300 on arrival. VISA: Travel to the Consulate in New York. No information for Estonia OTHER FEES: Monthly stipend is 11 months at EUR 60/month. ARRIVAL: Usually the first Sunday in August DEPARTURE: beginning of June after the end of school unless the student is going on the Euro tour FAMILY VISITS: Visits discouraged, but must be no earlier than 7 months after the start of the exchange. Family visits must be approved by the host club. TRIPS: Three trips: Northern Finland and Lapland (Nov); St. Petersburg, Russia (expensive visa) (Apr); Euro Tour, 2 weeks by bus (Jun) Costs not available.

### Hungary

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/31/2007 to 08/31/2010 Arrival Date: 08/31/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: whole country; D1911; RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates preferred; graduates MAY be considered; no smokers; no tattoos or piercings during exchange; LANGUAGE: basic Hungarian before arrival; clubs offer 3 months free language lessons; INSURANCE: O-E CHUBB insurance accepted; alternate EUB Insurance Carrier permitted ~ USD 650; EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 500; VISAS: apply for student visa (residence permit) AFTER arrival; Residence Permit ~ EUR 65 (HUF 24 000); OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-15 to Aug-25; DEPARTURE: Jun-15 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 4 Rotary organized tours are offered;

### India

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 07/01/2007 to 07/01/2010 Arrival Date: 07/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: D3030=Maharashtra State (Central India); D3060=Gujarat State (NE India); RESTRICTIONS: most families are vegetarian; LANGUAGE: basic Hindi before arrival; D3030 Marathi is regional language, lessons provided free throughout the year; D3060 Gujarat is regional language; no language camp or organized tutoring offered; INSURANCE: must purchase O-E specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ USD \$1 100; EMERGENCY FUND: USD 250-350; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: D3030: ~Jul-05-20; D3060: ~Jul-25-30; DEPARTURE: Apr-15 to May-31; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: D3030: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, 25 days each, INR 65000/- (~ USD 1 000); D3060 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, ~14 days, INR 55 000;

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### Japan

IB Slots: 5 OB Slots: 5 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 03/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.4

LOCATION: D2500, 2520, D2550, D2610, D2630, D2690, D2700; RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable LANGUAGE: basic Japanese INSURANCE: must purchase Japan specified medical & liability insurance ~ \*\*\*\*\*US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; school uniform historically provided by District, but school-specific shoes are required for school and gym ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club agreement prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: vary according to region, while not mandatory all Districts strongly encourage student participation (about \$1200 US and the District pays the rest); trips are a package-no ala carte or selecting one trip and not another

### Kenya

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

### Mexico

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

LOCATION: D4100 (NW), D4130 (NE), D4185 (Central) & D4195 (Yucatan) RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates preferred & must be pre-approved; LANGUAGE: basic Spanish before arrival; no language camp or organized tutoring offered; INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ MXN \$15,800 (~US \$775); Ohio-Erie specified supplemental insurance Plan B -US \$400 (OPTIONAL); EMERGENCY FUND: ~ MXN \$6200 (~ US\$300); VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: Aug-01 to Aug-15; DEPARTURE: 30-June (Suggested) MUST; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: There is Orientation and District Conference in each District, and will be in various locations. There are also different Rotary trips within each district. Once you know your district, we can drill down deeper. US\$200 US\$1800.

### Peru

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 01/01/2008 to 07/01/2010 Arrival Date: 07/23/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.5

LOCATION: D4455 West/Central Peru; RESTRICTIONS: No smokers; Dietary - no restriction but any special needs or requirements by student must be clearly stated in application; Medical - Will not accept students with a history of mental illness; LANGUAGE: basic Spanish before arriving; District will supply 40 hours of language after arrival at no cost to student; INSURANCE: Student must purchase Ohio-Erie Insurance policy; cost ~US\$1100; EMERGENCY FUND: US\$500; VISAS: Student visa US; OTHER FEES: Orientation Camp US\$120; ISIC Card US\$12; ARRIVAL: last week of July at the latest; DEPARTURE: 01-30 June 2025; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 3 optional trips to choose from; South Peru (Lima, Arequipa, Cusco) 10 days, approx \$1580 USD; North Peru (Trujillo, Chiclayo, Piura) 10 days, cost TBD; Peru's Jungle (Iquitos, Amazonas) 7 days, cost TBD. SCHOOL: No certificates/grades issued; No studies allowed for school in home country; ALLOWANCE: \$60 USD monthly.

### Poland

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/15/2007 to 02/15/2010 Arrival Date: 08/15/2025 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

LOCATION: Whole country. RESTRICTIONS: No high school graduates; No smokers; LANGUAGE: Fluency in Polish is not required. Language lessons provided free of charge. INSURANCE: Rotary Compliant policy purchased from hosting district. Approx cost USD \$1,000 via wire transfer plus O-E Supplemental Plan. EMERGENCY FUND: USD \$500 on arrival. VISA: Travel to the Consulate may be necessary. OTHER FEES: None identified. Monthly stipend is 10 months at PLN 300/month. ARRIVAL: Mid-August. DEPARTURE: No later than June 30. FAMILY VISITS: After April 1 with consent of the host club and host district. No friends. Siblings must be accompanied by natural parents. TRIPS: No information provided. No independent travel. MEDICAL: Students with a history of anorexia or bulimia or on antidepressants not accepted.

### South Korea

IB Slots: 3 OB Slots: 3 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2007 to 08/01/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: district 3590 and 3600 (SKRYE multidistrict) and district 3750; RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable. No high school graduates LANGUAGE: basic Korean; language camp (US\$80) and organized tutoring offered (some charge \$60, some are free); INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US; VISAS: tourist visa during exchange and require to go overseas and come back (trip cost may apply); OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from SKRYE District Chair then host club to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Korean Explorer is 5 trips each 5 days long, total cost about \$2,000 (REQUIRED); optional trip to Japan for 5 days, \$1,000; optional trip to Thailand for 5 days, \$1,000

### South Sudan

IB Slots: 0 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 15.0 18.0

### Taiwan

IB Slots: 4 OB Slots: 4 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 03/01/2007 to 02/10/2010 Arrival Date: 08/01/2025 Arrival Age: 15.4 to 18.4

LOCATION: TRYEMP, TRYEX, and RYEMT multidistricts; RESTRICTIONS: none, liking fish or seafood helpful LANGUAGE: basic Mandarin; organized tutoring offered (some charge \$60, some are free); INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club approval prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Explore Taiwan, total cost about \$1,800

### Tanzania

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**Thailand**

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LOCATION: district 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360; RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable. No high school graduates LANGUAGE: basic Thai; Free language camp provided by district INSURANCE: must purchase O-E specified medical liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$500 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Thailand Trip provided by each district which have 2 trips each 7-14 days long, total cost about \$1,300-\$1,700;  
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**Turkiye**

**IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2008 to 08/01/2010    Arrival Date: 08/01/2025    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.5**

LOCATION: D2420=Istanbul, D2430=Eastern Turkey; RESTRICTIONS: D2420: non-graduates only; 16.0 to 18.0 age; D2430: non-graduates preferred; 15.5 to 17.5 age; LANGUAGE: basic Turkish before arrival; D2420 provides weekend language training (64 hrs) @ ~ USD 200; D2430 provides free beginner Turkish language prior to orientation; INSURANCE: D2420: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~TRY 3 000; + O-E specified insurance ~ USD 1 100; D2430: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ USD 1 200 + O-E specified supplemental insurance Plan B ~USD 400; EMERGENCY FUND: D2420: USD 300; D2430: USD 500; VISAS: D2420: post arrival "Notary Translation" (USD 300) + Resident Permit (USD 175); OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: D2420: Aug-25 to Sep-01; D2430: Jul-30 to Aug-02; DEPARTURE: D2420: Jun-30; D2430: Jun-15 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: D2420: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last month of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;; D2430: NO visits permitted TRIPS: D2420: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, 5-6 days each, ~USD 1000; D2430: 4 Rotary organized tours are offered, 3 days to 10 days, USD 350 to 1 300;  
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**Uganda**

**IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 0    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/01/2007 to 08/01/2010    Arrival Date: 08/01/2025    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0**  
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