

Rotary Youth Exchange Journey

A parent's perspective

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How I got to know about the exchange

- I got to know about the Rotary Youth Exchange through Rotary forums



Process of filling the application form

- Filling the 33-page application form was hectic but worth every stress that was endured.

Being selected

- Two months after submission of the forms, we got communication from the District Youth Exchange chair about how Martinah had been accepted into the program.
- Martinah was to travel to the US for the exchange and she was to be fully funded by her host Rotary district D7120.
- The host district was to carter for the air ticket, insurance, Visa and SEVIS form application fees



Initiation (Power of one)

- We had zoom meetings with Power of one and Rotary officials where we were told more about the program and what was expected of all parties throughout the exchange.
- In these sessions, the students were also given assignments.



Assignments done by the child

- Every child is given assignments depending on the country they have been assigned to.
- They get to learn about the culture and history of their host countries.
- They as well get a chance to learn the native language of their host countries.

Immunization and vaccination process

- On the school(USA) medical officer checking Martinah's medical form, she advised Martinah to undergo vaccination for diseases she hadn't got so as to fulfill the immunization requirements for the state she was going to.

SEVIS and VISA applications and VISA Interview

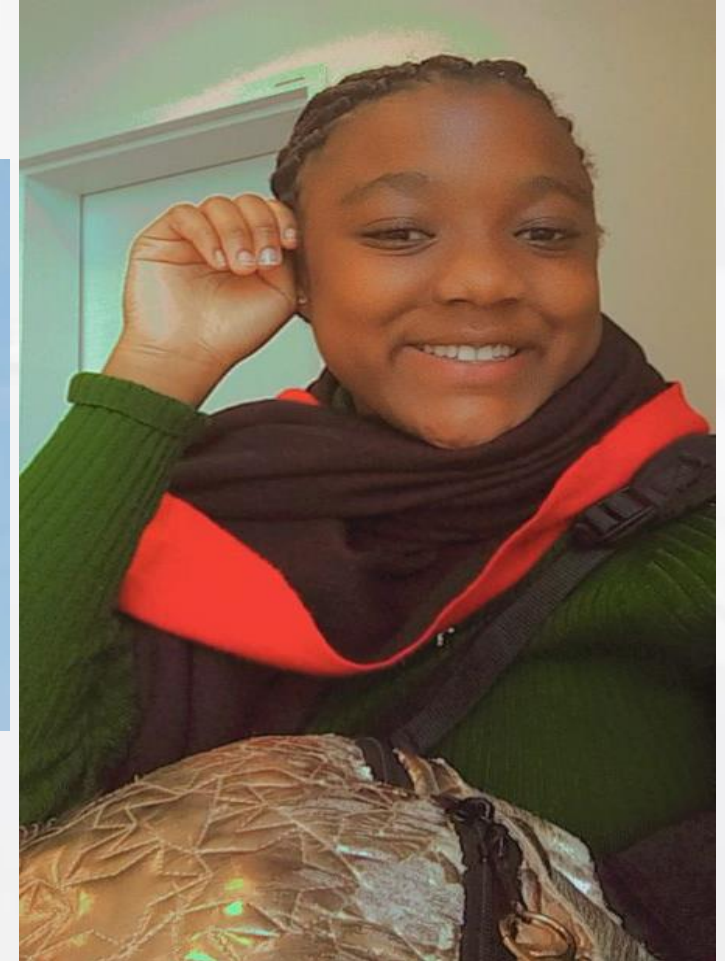
- Applied for both SEVIS and J1-Visa to enable Martinah go for the exchange program in the US.
- She then had her visa interview at the American Embassy in July and her application was approved.



Preparation for departure

- Martinah and I went shopping to get some of the things that she could need for the journey and exchange.
- Visited the sponsoring Rotary club (Kampala Sseese) to bid farewell.
- Got flagged off by PDG John Ndamira.

Martinah's Flight to the USA



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