

15th October 2018

Dear Club Secretary

Re: Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program for year 2019-2020

On behalf of **District Governor Brian Coffey** and the Rotary District Youth Exchange Program Committee, I would like to extend an invitation to your Rotary Club to participate in the Youth Exchange Program for the next Rotary year of **2019/2020**.

The program requires careful advanced planning to ensure that an inbound student's arrival is positive and that your Club is prepared. To facilitate this, the District YEP Committee has information available for your Club to inform your Officers and Club members about the program for next year.

The YEP Committee appreciates that the decision to host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student is not something to be taken lightly and has to be made in the Rotary year before the student actually arrives. Consequently, the decision to host a student has to be made by the existing Club Board in consultation with the incoming President and Board for the 2019/2020 Rotary year. As Club elections usually take place in December, the YEP Committee suggest that this matter be discussed with the incoming President and Board as soon as possible.

It is important to note that for each **INBOUND** student hosted by your Club, the District YEP Committee will be able to arrange a placement overseas for an **OUTBOUND** student. **Due to the difficulty in obtaining host clubs for Inbound students the committee has decided that preference will be given to those clubs that host Inbound students in the 2019/20 cycle, if they have a suitable Outbound student in 2020. It is important that clubs understand that the number of Inbounds and Outbounds need to be balanced across a year. The YEP Committee would ask that your Club respond in one of two ways on the attached Hosting Information Form:**

1. **YES** – this Rotary Club would like to host an Inbound student.
2. **NO** – this Rotary Club is not interested in hosting an Inbound student.

The completed Hosting Information Form is required to be returned to the D9670 YEP Chairman prior to **1st December 2018**. The return of this form will give the YEP Committee an indication of the interest in the program and allow further planning to take place in this district and the overseas corresponding districts.

Due to regulations from the NSW Department of Education, **outbound student applicants** must be in **year 9, 10 or year 11** in the year they make application to be eligible for the program. All outbound students will be required to return to secondary education in Australia. The preferred age of applicants is between 15 to 17 years. Can your Club please seek out interested applicants from your local schools. If further information is required, please direct students to our district website. An Initial Application Form and guidelines for applicants to apply to the program are available through contact with the Chair.

Most high schools in this district will be sent information on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and you may see television advertising promoting the YEP program very soon. We will also be holding several Information Sessions throughout the district for potential outbound students and their parents.

Should your Club have any comments/concerns about the program, an invitation is extended to your Club to contact me and I will arrange for a member of the YEP Committee to be available for any assistance required. I can also arrange for one of the current Inbound Exchange students to be available as a guest speaker at your Club. Your Club's support with the Youth Exchange Program is very much appreciated by the YEP Committee and all students involved in this great Rotary program.

Yours in Rotary Service

David Roach

Chairman



**DISTRICT 9670
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM INC**

HOSTING INFORMATION FORM

The Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program Committee expects to arrange exchanges in the year **2018/2019** with the following countries:

Belgium	France	Spain
Brazil	Germany	Sweden
Canada	Italy	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Netherlands	Taiwan
Denmark	Norway	United States of America
Finland	Poland	

Hosting an Inbound Student assists the Committee in this process. Please indicate by in the box.

1. Our Club would like to host an Inbound Exchange Student for **2019/2020**.

YES NO

If answer is YES, please complete question 2 and 3 below.

2. Our Club will host for: **12 months**

3. Our Club would prefer to host: **Male** **Female** **No preference**

Please indicate a preferred country: _____ Please note that this is only a preference and the Committee can make no guarantee that you will get a student from the country you have selected nor the gender you prefer. We use this information as a guide only.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee thank you for your consideration and participation and welcome comment on any aspect of the program.

Please return this signed form by 10th December 2018 either by post or email to:

The Chairman
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email: yezfidar@outlook.com



THE ROTARY CLUB OF	_____
YOUR NAME	_____
CLUB POSITION HELD	_____
PHONE NUMBER	_____
EMAIL ADDRESS	_____
SIGNATURE	_____