

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Costs vary, so contact your local club or district for specific information. Typically, students and their parents or guardians are expected to cover the following expenses:

- Round-trip airfare
- Health and accident insurance that meets the requirements of the host and sponsor clubs and districts
- All travel documents, such as passports and visas
- Spending money, ancillary travel, and tours

## WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

As a Youth Exchange student, you agree to

- Act as an ambassador for your own country
- Be open to new experiences and cultural differences
- Abide by all program rules of your host Rotary club and district

## WHERE WILL MY EXCHANGE BE?

Rotary clubs exist in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, and Youth Exchanges take place in nearly all of them. Contact your local Rotary club for more information on where its program operates and whether or not you may request a specific country.



## HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact your local Rotary club for details.

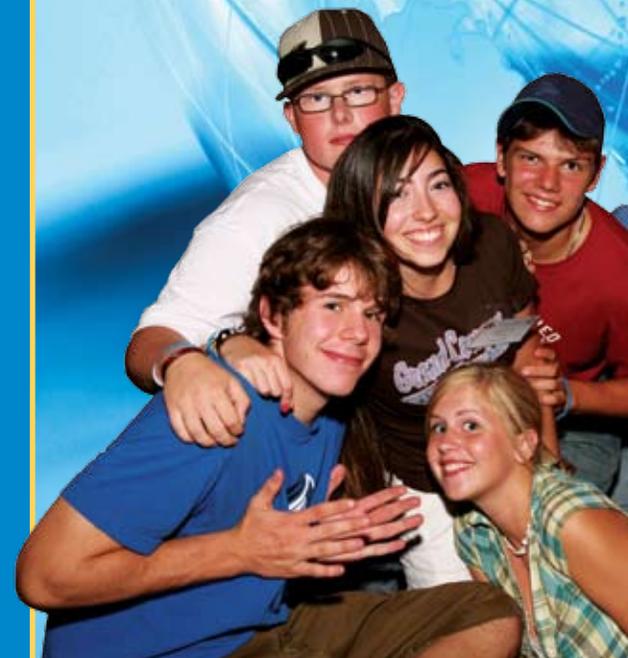


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# DISCOVER YOUR WORLD

## SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE



## WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary Youth Exchange is administered by Rotary clubs and districts. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs worldwide, providing an extensive network of volunteer support.

Short-term exchange opportunities vary greatly and can include homestays, tours, international youth camps, internships, and volunteer projects. Long-term exchanges are also available and typically last an academic year. Contact your local Rotary club or district to learn about the exchanges available to you.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to youth with demonstrated leadership skills. Qualified candidates should also possess interpersonal skills, such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things, that will enable them to be excellent cultural ambassadors. All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and complete an application and interview.



## SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE (AGES 15-19)

Short-term exchanges are available to qualified students and vary in length from several days to several weeks. Although participants in short-term exchanges generally don't attend school in their host country, they may be able to tailor their exchange to match their interests or to include tours of specific places or regions.

These are the most common types of short-term exchanges:

- **Homestays** can be arranged for individual students or groups of students to stay with host families in another country for a few weeks. Most homestays are reciprocal; for example, a Brazil-Germany exchange may start with a Brazilian youth spending a few weeks in Germany, followed by a visit from a German student to Brazil. Some of these may even be family-to-family exchanges.
- **Tours** of one or more foreign countries are arranged for some short-term exchanges. These tours can involve groups of youth from the same country or several countries.
- **International Youth Camps** bring students from several countries together. Some camps provide leadership training and address international concerns. Others focus more on promoting cultural tolerance and international understanding. Camps involving both able-bodied and disabled youth have become popular in many countries.

## NEW GENERATIONS EXCHANGE (AGES 18-25)

New Generations Exchanges usually last from three to six weeks, making this an ideal option for recent secondary school graduates and Rotaractors. These exchanges may be arranged for individuals or groups and can involve homestays, tours, or camps. Many districts also offer specialized internships to students, based on placement location and availability.

As with all Rotary Youth Exchanges, New Generations Exchanges provide students with the opportunity to learn about a different culture while fostering goodwill and understanding. Wherever you go, you'll discover that the world is smaller than you once thought, and that you can gain a great deal from the unique experience of being a Rotary Youth Exchange participant.



### Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

*Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.*

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