



ROTARY DISTRICT 5080 YOUTH EXCHANGE

British Columbia, Idaho, Washington

*Building Bridges Between Cultures*



# District 5080 Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange Links  
<http://www.rotary5080ye.org/>

# HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...



- **Traveling the world?**
- **Living in another country?**
- **Being fluent in another language?**





# *Overview*



- **Who is Rotary**
- **Rotary Youth Exchange**
- **Short Term Exchange**
- **Long Term Exchange –School year**
- **Being a Host Family**

**The Overall Value for Students and  
Rotary Clubs**

# ***WHAT IS ROTARY?***



- Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.
- Who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards.
- Help build goodwill and peace in the world.
- More than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members.
- Conduct projects to address illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns.
- Youth Exchange is just one of many Rotary programs that seek to make the world a better place



# *History of the Youth Exchange Program*

- **Exchanges between Rotary clubs in California and Latin American countries began in 1939.**
- **In 1972 the program expanded to include over 58 countries and more than 8,000 youths per year.**

# *Purpose of Rotary Youth Exchange*

- **World Peace**
- **Offers young people the opportunity to experience the cultures, problems, and accomplishments of people in another country.**
- **Participants return home with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves.**





***Currently Accepting Applications – Due October 10th***

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- A group of approximately 15 students are posing in a wooded area, holding up various national flags. The flags include Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of China (Taiwan), and Brazil. The students are arranged in two rows, with some standing and some kneeling or sitting in front. The background consists of tall evergreen trees and a grassy clearing.





# *Short Term Exchange Partner Countries*

- Argentina
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

*\*Exchange partners vary each year*





# *Short Term Exchange - COSTS*

## \$700 US Paid to Rotary

- Includes medical/travel insurance
- Orientation
- Administrative costs
- First half (\$350 US) due March 1st
- Remaining (\$350 US) due at May orientation camp





# *Short Term Exchange - COSTS*

## Student/Parent Costs

- Airfare
- Modest gift for host family
- Spending money
- Room/board, recreational & sightseeing costs when hosting foreign student in your home
- Family required to host student





# *Long Term Exchange*

*Currently Accepting Applications – Due October 10th*

## **How Long Does It Last?**

- Long term exchanges are for an academic year and vary from 10 to 11 ½ months depending on the country.
- Students depart in the July-September period and return after the end of the academic year.

## **Qualifications**

- Qualified students between the age of 15 and 18 on August 1 of departure year.
- Students who have graduated from high school as of Aug 1 of departure year are not eligible for the program.
- Qualified applicants who are: academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate community leadership skills.

# *Long-Term Exchange Partner Countries*

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Belgium
- Chile
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Peru
- Poland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Taiwan



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# *Long Term Youth Exchange Costs*

- **US \$7000.00 paid in four installments.**
- **The fee includes:**
  - Round trip airfare
  - Full medical insurance
  - Outbound orientation for youth and parents
  - Personal business cards with photo
  - District patches, pins and regalia



# *Other Costs Long Term*

## **The Fee does not include:**

- A required \$300-\$500 emergency fund (refundable)
- Passport - VISAS
- Travel expenses, if any, for Visa acquisition
- A required blazer
- School uniforms where required (Host Club may purchase)
- Optional tours, miscellaneous and personal expenses in host country
- Language learning programs such as Rosetta Stone
- Language Camps





# ***Youth Exchange Calendar Long Term***

- **September-October – Completed Preliminary Applications**
  - **Due October 10th**
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Club Interviews**
  - Selection of applicants by the Rotary Clubs
- **December 1**
  - Completed applications and \$500 US due to District
- **December – District Interviews**

# Calendar Continued Long-term

- **February 1–Second payment due - \$1500**
- **February–Youths notified of the country to which they will be sent**
- **April 1–Third payment due - \$2,500**
- **December through May – Mandatory Monthly Virtual Meetings - as scheduled**
- **May 3-5, 2024.–Youths and parent/s attend weekend orientation program at Camp Lutherhaven.**
- **June 1–Final payment due - \$2,500**
- **July – August–Students depart to their host countries**
- **Return June or July next year**



*Parents consider being a Host Family – Not mandatory but recommended for long-term exchanges*

- **Host student for 3-4 months**
- **Be part of your family: included in all family activities**
- **Qualify - Background Checks, Home Review, Training**
- **Provide: Room and Board, Home environment**

# *Scholarships?*

- **Various Clubs may have funding**
- **Youth Exchange Assistance Scholarship (YEAS) based on need**
- **Rotary District 5080 Youth Exchange - Conger Memorial Scholarship**
  - Your sponsoring Rotary club applies for you.
  - Must provide evidence of financial need.
  - Must be matched by Sponsoring Rotary Club.
  - District awards are up to \$500. **But can be higher under special circumstances.**

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# *The Value of Youth Exchange*





## *Next Steps*

- Go to the District 5080 Youth Exchange Website
- Develop a profile and complete the application by October 10th.
- Club will schedule interviews
- The District YE Committee will then schedule Zoom interviews with successful students in December





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