

Short Term Exchange Countries

Austria	Taiwan
Denmark	Spain
Finland	Sweden
France	Brazil
Italy	Ecuador
Switzerland	

Short Term Exchange Timing

Mid-June - Student departs

Mid-July - Student and his/her exchange partner returns to the US/Canada

Mid-August - Exchange partner returns to home country

This is a typical short term exchange scenario. Student and their families may choose to change the order or dates of travel. Students may not leave the US/Canada for more than 30 days as the insurance only covers 30 days.

Applications are available at:
<https://rotaryye5080.org/>

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Rotary District 5080 Short Term Exchange Program

What is Short Term Exchange?

Short Term Exchange is a 60-day program wherein applicants are matched with a student in Europe, South America or Taiwan. Matches are based on the students' age, interests, country preference, and gender. The purpose of the program is:

1. To promote international peace, goodwill and understanding through a 60-day family-to-family exchange.
2. To provide the opportunity for students within Rotary District 5080 to experience international travel and spend 30 days with a foreign host family.
3. To provide the opportunity for foreign students to experience international travel and spend 30 days with a host family in District 5080.

Application Criteria

The Short Term Exchange Program is open to students between the ages of 15 and 19. Students may come from Rotary or non-Rotary families. We are looking for well-rounded students who are open to new ideas and experiences. While abroad, students serve as ambassadors of their family, community, country and Rotary. Students must understand and abide by Rotary Youth Exchange rules and be able to adapt to their host families and host country.

Cost

Students pay a fee of \$700 US which includes medical/travel insurance, orientation and administrative costs. Half is due on December 1 and half in May at orientation camp.

Other Costs Paid by Student/ Parents

- Airfare
- Passport
- Modest gift for host family
- Reasonable amount of spending money
- Room, board, recreational and sightseeing costs for visiting student while in the US/Canada (The host family in the other country will provide the same items for the US/Canadian student.)

Orientation

Students and at least one parent are required to attend the Short-Term Exchange orientation the first Saturday in May at Camp Lutherhaven near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Applicant Responsibilities

1. Complete the Short Term Exchange program application at <https://rotaryye5080.org/> by October 10th.
2. Attend Rotary Club interview with your parent(s).
3. Apply for your passport.
4. Upon acceptance and notification of a match, learn about the country you will be visiting.
5. Attend the required orientation.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Be willing and able to host an exchange student in your home for a 30 day period.
2. Be willing and able to provide recreational and sightseeing opportunities for the exchange student during their visit.
3. Complete and sign the financial agreement. Provide a check for \$350 US payable to Rotary "RI District 5080 Youth Exchange" by December 1st. Pay the remaining \$350 US in May at the orientation camp.
4. Make travel arrangements and purchase airline ticket for your child.
5. Attend the required orientation at Camp Lutherhaven.
6. Encourage your daughter/son to act as a goodwill ambassador while on exchange.

Local Rotary Club Responsibilities

1. Distribute brochures to applicants.
2. Vet host parents.
3. Interview applicants and parents.
4. Provide a counselor for the applicant and their family.
5. Visit the applicant's home to determine that the family is able to host the visiting student.
6. Invite applicant and her/his parents to a Rotary meeting prior to departure.