

**JOIN US! Tuesday Oct 12, 7 PM, via Zoom**

## **Learn How YOU Could Study Abroad**

### **Have you ever wanted to:**

- *Become fluent in another language?*
- *Experience everyday life in another culture?*
- *Try new customs, foods and explore new horizons?*
- *Build leadership skills and make friends from around the world?*
- *Help to foster global peace and understanding?*

### **Do you have the ability to:**

- *Positively represent your country, community, and Rotary?*
- *Thrive in a challenging and foreign environment?*
- *Maintain high moral and ethical standards regardless of the behavior of your peers?*
- *Manage relationships with integrity?*
- *Acknowledge your host family's religion, participate in family life and do household chores as a member of your host family?*

Then you might have what it takes to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student Ambassador! Youth Exchange is a life-changing experience, not a vacation.

If you were born between Feb 1, 2004 and Feb. 1, 2007 you are eligible to apply

Information is available at: [www.ye5130.org](http://www.ye5130.org)

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# **SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

## **Objectives of the R.I. Youth Program**

- Improve international goodwill and understanding.
- Expand opportunities of educational diversity to the youth of the world.
- Broaden the horizons of cultural understanding in our future leaders.
- Improve the ambassadorial skills of the citizens of the world.
- Serve as messengers of peace & understanding between diverse cultures.

### **The Rotary International Exchange Student Program has many advantages over the commercial programs:**

The costs to the student are considerably less than any other program.

The student will receive considerable opportunity to meet new friends in their host Rotary club. You will live with as many as three different families.

The hosting club will monitor and assure the well being of the student during his/her stay in the foreign country.

It is a very well supervised program provided exclusively by non-paid volunteers in each country.

### **The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has rules and expectations:**

**Rotary's Four D's:** No serious **D**ating, no **D**rinking alcoholic beverages, no **D**rugs, and no **D**riving.

Transportation costs to and from the host country are the responsibility of the student. The airline ticket **MUST** be an "open ended" ticket such that you can return at any time necessary.

Rotary approved International medical and accident insurance is mandatory and is the responsibility of the student.

Passport, visa and associated costs are the responsibility of the student.

The student must show evidence of having at least \$150.00 per month spending money.

The student will be hosted by Rotarians. In turn, the student will be expected to visit Rotary clubs and address the host club.

You will be expected to be a positive ambassador of America, of your hometown and of Rotary.

You will be expected to accept new and different customs, try new foods, and explore new horizons.

You will learn the native language and you will be given much assistance in the process.

You will be expected to acknowledge your host parents' religion, participate in family life and perform household chores, as would any member of your host family.

You will be expected to maintain high moral and ethical standards regardless of the behavior of your peers.

Rotary FORBIDS the driving of any motorized vehicle during your exchange.

**Youth Exchange website for information:** <http://www.ye5130.org>

**PRELIMINARY APPLICATION DEADLINE: 10/16/21 midnight**  
**Interviews: 10/23 9-noon**

## Student Expenses

Here is a *rough estimate* of expenses you can anticipate:

<b>Round trip airfare **</b>	\$2500	
<b>Insurance</b>	\$900	
<b>Application fee</b>	\$600	
<b>Language course</b>	included	
<b>Passport / Visa</b>	\$165	
<b>Emergency fund (cash)</b>	\$300	
<b>Rotary blazer</b>	\$50	
<b>Monthly personal expenses</b>	\$1000	<b>Total Basic Expenses \$5515</b>
<b>Optional Local excursions</b>	\$500	
<b>Optional trips</b>	\$1200	
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	\$7215	

\*\*This is only an estimate - fares can vary depending on changing transportation costs, timing of ticket purchase (this depends largely on time required to obtain visa from host country consulate), airline, points of departure and arrival etc.) The ticket we require is not cheap but it is for your child's safety. Tickets can be as high as \$3500.

All hosting Rotary Clubs offer the student a cost of living stipend in the amount of \$100-\$150 per month, or higher.

Some sponsoring Rotary Clubs offer scholarships or other financial aid to the outbound students.

Many students choose to do some fundraising for their exchange and their sponsoring Rotary club can be a big help in fundraising.

In preparation for your year abroad, you will be required to attend training and orientation events. No exceptions.

Reveal Night & Orientation, March 2022  
Parent-Student Orientation, April 2022  
Group Meetings, April - July 2022

You will be asked to provide a 20-minute presentation to your sponsoring Rotary Club when you return from your exchange.

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**To Apply: If interested you will be sent a link to fill out a preliminary application online.**

Interviews will then be scheduled and those students selected will begin the Long Application.

# TAKE A STEP INTO ANOTHER WORLD!!

## Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

Rotary District 5130 in conjunction with Rotary International is accepting applications for Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) for the upcoming summer program.

**Short Term Exchange Programs** vary from District to District throughout the world. Currently District 5130 is offering the Family to Family summer short term exchange program model. It involves matching a student here with a student in another country. Typically you spend 3 to 4 weeks in each others' home, experiencing their family, home, and culture.

**Who is Eligible?** Qualified youth age 15-19 can apply for STEP. We strive to match students to age and gender and similar interests whenever possible. Candidates should possess good interpersonal and communication skills, 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.

**What are the Costs for a STEP?** Costs will vary depending on which country you exchange with. There is a \$250 application fee. Other expenses would be round-trip airfare, health and accident insurance, travel documents such as passports, and of course spending money. In general you can probably expect to invest between \$1,500 - \$2,000 for a STEP experience.

**Where and When will my exchange be?** Our STEP is summer oriented during vacation from school. For that reason we exchange primarily with countries in the northern hemisphere that are also on summer vacation from school. You may be exchanging with a family in Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, the Netherlands, or Italy. Plan on your exchange taking a total of 6 to 8 weeks to complete between the families.

**What are my responsibilities?** As a Rotary Youth Exchange student you agree to act as an ambassador for your own country and be open to new experiences and cultural differences. You will abide by all program rules of your host Rotary Club and District.

**How do I apply?** Contact your local Rotary Club for more details or go to [www.ye5130.org](http://www.ye5130.org) for more information, applications and deadlines to apply.

**After experiencing a short term summer exchange, you may want to apply for a long term exchange for a full school year!**