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Youth Exchange Scholarship Program

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has been an integral part of Rotary International since 1974. The program is a means of advancing international understanding and goodwill. Each year more than 8,000 students from 82 countries are involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, making it one of Rotary's largest, most popular and most successful programs. It is also one of the largest high school exchange programs in the world.

The **Youth Exchange Scholarship Program** offers the opportunity for students to receive a scholarship valued at over \$15,000.00 to study in a different country. The scholarship covers tuition, room and board and a monthly stipend. The program is open to all young men and women ages 15 to 18 1/2. The student is financially responsible for airfare, insurance and fees associated with obtaining VISAS and travel documents. Student selection is based on submission of a written application followed by personal interviews at the club and district levels with the applicant and the applicant's parents.

Rotary District 5790 has had an active youth exchange program since 1985. The program is administered through the local Rotary Clubs with assistance from the District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.

OUTBOUND PROGRAMS: We have two types of Outbound Exchanges:

Long-Term Exchange: This is a full immersion program and covers the academic year, during which time the student lives with host families in the host country and attends high school in the host country. This program requires a high level of preparation and dedication. There can be language requirements depending on chosen country. Typical age cut off for participation is now 18 in most countries.

Short-Term Summer Exchange: This is primarily a cultural family to family exchange program for three to four weeks during which time the student lives with one host family. The short-term program is usually a reciprocal exchange. The family who hosts our student sends their student back with our Texas student to spend an agreed amount of time with his/her family. Therefore the two students are together anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks in the summer. The student will not attend high school on this program.

This program is student funded and is not part of the the YE Scholarship Program.

INBOUND PROGRAMS

Long Term Inbound Exchange: International students come to our district and live with two or more host families and attend high school. Interested in being a host family for an inbound student: Interested in becoming a host family? Follow the links to the left, [Host Family Info](#).

Short Term Inbound: As noted above the international students return with the American student who has been hosted in their home. This student spends an equal amount of time with the American host family.

For more information contact the District Rotary Youth Exchange Officer,
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