



Rotary 1 Year Youth Exchange (2012 - 2013)



Are YOU Ready to ...

- Form international friendships?
- Learn new ways to communicate?
- Gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others?
- Immerse yourself in a difference culture?
- Appreciate others' ways of doing things?
- And act as an ambassador for and educate others about your country?

Where will my exchange be?

Youth exchanges may take place in any of the more than 20 countries where Rotary clubs exist.

What are my responsibilities?

As a youth exchange student, you agree to:

- * Abide by all program rules of your host Rotary club.
- * Accept the supervision of the host district, host family, and host club.
- * Act as an ambassador of your own country.
- * Be open to new experiences and cultural differences.

What will I do on my exchange?

During your exchange, you will live with a host family and attend school for 1 year. You will make friends and get to know the country in which you are living.

To gain greater understanding of your host country's culture, you will probably live with two or three host families during your stay. To ensure the wellbeing of all Youth Exchange participants, the local Rotary club carefully screens the prospective families and selects those who will provide safe and caring environment.

Much more information:

<http://www.yex5360.org/>

Who is eligible?

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to qualified students who will be aged 15 -18 (when they leave in the summer of 2012). To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in their community and would enjoy an adventure. Candidates should also have qualities such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to fully experience life in another country and become excellent cultural ambassadors.

What do past participants say?



"This exchange has given me so much: experiences, friends and another home. It has made me stronger, more mature and a more culturally tolerant person. The decision of doing Rotary Exchange Program was the best decision I have done in my life."

-Finnish exchange student to Cochrane.

"It's one thing to study about a different culture, but to join and experience that culture within the country... is something I'll never be able to describe with in a few simple words. It was the best experience of my life."



-Cochrane exchange student to Japan.

How to apply?

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