



2022 - 2023

Overview of the Program

- “A Study Year Abroad Handout” – What, Why, Where, Who, When, How
- Rotary International is the largest humanitarian service organization in the world.
- Rotary supports this scholarship opportunity for an academic year of study in a foreign high school as a guest of a Rotary group in that country.

Where? Do I get to choose my destination?

- A very popular question, and the answer is... yes and no. As part of the application process, you will be asked to provide regions of the world, or perhaps countries, in which you have the most interest.
- The vast majority of students will get one of their top choices, however there is a chance you will not be sent to your top choice. Regardless, your experience will be life-changing!

Who? Am I eligible to be a Rotary exchange student?

- The Rotary Youth Exchange program is open to high school students, or those who have just graduated.
- Students must be between the ages of 15.5 and 18.5 on September 1, 2021. Students younger than 16 or older than 18.5 will have a more narrow list of countries to which they can exchange due to age restrictions.
- Exchange student candidates must be:
 - outgoing
 - self-confident
 - friendly
 - adaptable
 - adventurous
 - willing to learn a foreign language
 - have above average grades in school

Do I have to know another language?

- Rotary looks for students who have at least 2 years of the language of the country where they will be sent or are willing to take a crash course starting January of the year they leave.
- One of the great benefits of the program is quickly gaining fluency in another language.

Will I get school credit for my exchange year?

- This varies from school to school and country to country. You should sit down with your school counselors when you apply and when you know what country you are going to for your year. To get credit, you **MUST** make arrangements with your local school principal prior to your departure.

What are the advantages of being a Rotary Exchange Student?

- Powerful broadening and an accelerating effect on your maturing process. You will learn to be more independent and resourceful.
- You learn to think, read, write, speak and even dream in another language!
- You develop more confidence in speaking before groups and become more comfortable being uncomfortable.
- You become more open-minded of other people, different cultures, food, ways of thinking, and personalities. You learn a lot about yourself, as well.
- In the past, having Rotary Exchange Year on your college application has been extremely beneficial. Colleges hold this program to a high regard.
- It's also possible your future employer will find this attractive on your resume. There is a massive benefit to being bi-lingual!

Do Outbound parents need to host an inbound student?

- An exchange is made between Rotary organizations here and abroad with our students going abroad and their students coming here. A Rotary Club that sponsors students from its community to go abroad also hosts foreign students in exchange. For long-term exchanges, parents of outbound students are not required to host (though they can).
- Host families can, but do not have to be Rotarians.

Outbound Student Expectations

- Monthly Report
 - What mature decisions did you make this month?
 - Describe how you followed your plan for successful exchange
 - Relationship with Host Family
 - Describe how successfully you are communicating with your host parents and siblings.
 - Are you getting help from your host parents when you ask for it?
 - What things have you done with your host family this month?

What about the cost?

Cost of Plane Tickets	\$2,000
Insurance	\$900
Visa	\$200
District Fee	\$2,200
Jacket	\$60
Thank you cards	\$50
Pins - 50 per student	\$50
Emergency Fund	\$400
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$140</u>
Approximate Total	\$6,000

How? Application & Interview Process

- Student completes application and submits by **Saturday, Nov. 6th, 2021.**
 - Application can be found at www.scrYE.org > Student Applications > Long Term
- Most local Rotary clubs hold an interview with student and/or student's parents on the following **Saturday, November 13, 2021.**
- Rotary clubs decide on student(s) to submit to District Youth Exchange Committee for consideration
- District Youth Exchange Committee interviews students who have been endorsed by Rotary clubs on **December 12, 2021.**

Rotary Youth Exchange Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PCsYLNJWJE>



Helpful Resources!

- <http://scrye.org/exchange-faq/>
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