

# Information for Intending Youth Exchange Applicants



## Applications for Exchange Starting January 2013

Initial applications must be submitted to your local Rotary club. This club must agree to sponsor your nomination to the district youth exchange committee. You can find and contact your local Rotary Club by visiting [www.rotaryd9710.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au)

Alternatively, you can contact the district youth exchange program chairman:

**Mr Rohan Gleeson** (mobile) **0427 742 477**, (phone) **02 4474 2477** (email) [applications@rotaryexchange.org.au](mailto:applications@rotaryexchange.org.au)

Initial interviews by local Rotary Clubs will be conducted during April and May 2012. The Rotary Club may pass details of applicants to other Rotary clubs in the district to maximise chances of selection.

**Applications should be lodged with your local Rotary Club before 30 April 2012.**



## The Person

Applicants should be no younger than fifteen and no older than seventeen years and three months, as at 31 December 2012. They should be of good character and be able to demonstrate good academic records as well as an understanding of and interest in their community. A good knowledge of Australia and its social and political structures is highly desirable. The ideal Rotary exchange student will be well presented and well spoken, a person who is motivated and who motivates others.

The student will be a person with strong interest in the world and in people, who is capable of mixing freely with others of all types, age groups and walks of life. The main purposes of the exchange are to be a successful ambassador and to bring back to your society the benefits of the foreign culture you will absorb. This position will require long hours and dedication but is a rewarding experience and considered a launching pad for the rest of life.

As a student exchange, the programme is designed for those still at school and ideally applicants should not have completed school at the time of departure. They would normally complete studies on return. However students who are now in year 12 and within the age limits will be considered and have often been successful.



## Application Procedure

Applicants who are successful in gaining endorsement at the initial interview by a Rotary Club will be invited (along with their parents) to the selection interviews by the district youth exchange committee on Saturday 07 July 2012. This form together with the results of the interviews will be the basis for selection to the programme which is a competitive selection process with the most suitable applicants (in the opinion of the district youth exchange committee) being offered the available places. Selection is not guaranteed. A final application form will be completed after the district interview.

The district committee will proceed to place those selected with host Rotary clubs overseas. Meanwhile you will attend a number of orientation and briefing weekends and will be thoroughly prepared for your exchange year with the object of travelling abroad in January.

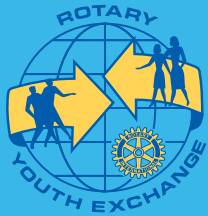


## Places are Offered in:

Taiwan	Brazil	Japan	U.S.A.	Canada	Sweden
Switzerland	Germany	Finland	Denmark	Belgium	Austria
Turkey					



**Please Note:** *Students will NOT necessarily be offered a placement in their country of choice, as places are often limited. You may nominate your preference but may be offered an alternative if successful.*



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Attach your head  
and shoulders  
photograph here

## Photographs

Attach a recent good quality head and shoulders photograph above. The photograph should be colour and show you smiling, with little or no surround.

To: Youth Exchange Officer Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *[to be completed by applicant]*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (Male/Female) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents or Legal Guardians

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

## Brothers and Sisters Names

Sex 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Age 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Living at Home 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have relatives living overseas? If so where \_\_\_\_\_

Relation (Grandparents, Aunt, Cousin etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental Obligation

We, the parents of the above named applicant, understand that we will be responsible to meet the obligations of the Youth Exchange Programme as outlined in the information sheet accompanying this initial application form.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ *[mother]*

and \_\_\_\_\_ *[father]*

Once completed please send it to the Rotary Club nearest to your home or school address, before April 2012



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## Applicant's Personal background

How much time do you devote to studies? (homework etc.)

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Name and address of your school

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When will you finish high school/college?

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After how many years in high school/college?

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What languages have you studied and for how long? Are you able to speak and read those languages, and how well?

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**Note:** *A proficiency in a 'second' language does not ensure priority placement, as the program encourages the challenge of a new culture as opposed to a language 'finishing course'.*

What other information can you give to enable a better assessment to be made of your potential as an 'Ambassador' for your country (achievements, awards, talents, etc.)

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Why do you think you would make a good exchange student?

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Do you smoke? Yes/No Do you drink alcoholic beverages? Yes/No. Have you ever been involved with drugs? Yes/No. Do you have a steady boy/girlfriend? Yes/No. How often do you go out together?

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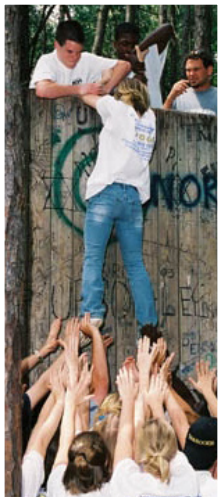
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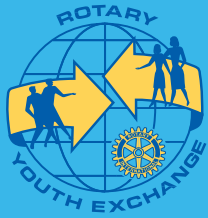
What responsibilities and activities have you had at school and within the community? (clubs, offices, etc.)

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Sporting and cultural activities (describing degree of ability in each)

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List countries for exchange (in order of preference)

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



Have you travelled overseas before?      Yes/No      Where/When?

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Do you have any dietary restrictions or pre-existing medical conditions? Yes/No (if Yes, explain)

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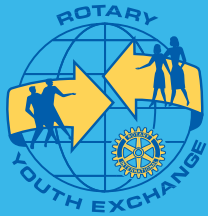
Date      Signature      *[applicant]*

## Need More Information?

Visit the District 9710 Youth Exchange website: [www.rotaryexchange.org.au](http://www.rotaryexchange.org.au)

You can also email:  
the District 9710 Youth Exchange Chairman  
Rohan Gleeson  
[applications@rotaryexchange.org.au](mailto:applications@rotaryexchange.org.au)





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## What is Involved?

- » You will live and study in another country hosted by a local Rotary Club for one year.
- » You will become a member of your host families and experience normal family life in their country during your stay.
- » You will be given the opportunity to see something of the host country and experience its culture.
- » As an ambassador for Australia, you will teach others something of your culture and way of life (they will be just as interested in your's as you are in theirs)
- » You will make friendships with Rotarians, host families and people of your own age group which often last a lifetime.



## Support

A student who is accepted into the Rotary International Youth Exchange programme becomes a member of the world wide Rotary family. You can count on the support of the millions of Rotarians around the world.

You will be sponsored by a local Australian Rotary club who will appoint a counsellor to be in regular contact with you and monitor the exchange. The sponsor Rotary district will arrange your briefing and preparation and will appoint a counsellor who will be in touch with you and the host Rotary district throughout your exchange.

Your host Rotary club will appoint a club counsellor who will be in constant contact with you during your stay and will be your friend and guardian. The club counsellor will be your first point of contact should you experience any kind of problem and will be responsible for looking after you.

Rotary International also has a Youth Protection Policy which all districts, clubs and Rotarians must comply with. A copy of District 9710's Youth Protection Policy is available on our district website.



## Cost

There is no general cover-all fee for Rotary youth exchange. We will charge a common amount to all students which covers air fares, insurance, visa application fees, the cost of orientation camps and a number of other items. This amount will be set after fare negotiations with airlines, but as an indication we estimate \$7,400.

Other costs for the year involve pocket money, clothing, photography costs and tours when overseas. In some countries students must pay for a compulsory language and orientation camp on arrival. The hosting Rotary club provides board and lodging with host families, school costs (incl. uniform) and a pocket money allowance roughly equal to \$120 (Australian) per month.

Indications from parents of returned students are that overall costs for the year are around \$13,000 to \$16,000. This of course varies greatly with the student, family and country of exchange. When considering costs, parents should take account of the cost of maintaining the student if they remained in school at home.





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## The Rotary Club of:

Has interviewed this student, and supports their nomination to the District 9710 Youth Exchange Committee for consideration as an exchange student.

We enclose a cheque for **\$120** made payable to **Rotary District 9710 Youth Exchange Committee** in support of the application.

## Club Youth Exchange Officer:

## Signature of Club Officer:

## Email address of Club Officer:

## Contact Phone Number:

## Send completed and endorsed application to:

D9710 YEP Committee, PO Box 300, Moruya NSW 2537

**Or email to:** [applications@rotaryexchange.org.au](mailto:applications@rotaryexchange.org.au) before 30 April 2012.

Late applications may be accepted - please contact the Chairman to confirm.

## Notes/Comments:

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