



# Information for Intending Rotary Youth Exchange Applicants



## Applications for a Youth Exchange beginning in January 2021

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) (Rotary District 9710) or [www.rotary9700.org.au/ClubDirectory](http://www.rotary9700.org.au/ClubDirectory) (Rotary District 9700).

Alternatively, you can contact the District Youth Exchange Program Chair:

**Ms Rob Uhl** (mobile) **0418 459 049** (email) [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com)

Initial interviews by local Rotary Clubs will be conducted during April. 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 17 April 2020.**



## The Person

Applicants should be no younger than fifteen and no older than seventeen years and six months, as at 31 December in the year before commencing the exchange. 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 Youth 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 secondary student exchange program, the exchange is designed for those attending high school. Applicants are not to have completed school at the time of departure. Students are expected to complete their secondary schooling on their return from exchange.

## 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 13 June 2020 in Canberra. This form together with the results of the interviews will be the basis for selection to the program 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 abroad. Meanwhile you will attend a number of orientation and training weekends and will be thoroughly prepared for your exchange year with the object of travelling abroad in January 2021 and returning in January 2022.

## Places are Offered in:

Austria	Denmark	Germany	Japan	Taiwan
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	Finland	Hungary	Netherlands	USA (Northeastern States)
Canada (Quebec)	France	Italy	Switzerland	

**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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## 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.
- » The application form includes a page to indicate 2 host families (it may be your own family, or it could be relatives or friends). The Rotary Youth Exchange program is based on a reciprocal arrangement with our exchange partners abroad. If we send an Australian student to a partner country then we must receive a student from the partnering country
- » To ease the burden on Rotary Clubs and their members we encourage your family and other families that you may nominate to enjoy the benefits of hosting an Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student either while you are on your exchange or on your return. The duration is normally between 3 and 4 months.



## Working with Children Check

Household members aged 18 years and over will need to hold either a Working with Children Check (NSW) or Working with Vulnerable People card (ACT) and complete a Rotary Volunteer Information and Declaration Form.

These are required for child protection purposes.



## Support

A student who is accepted into the Rotary International Youth Exchange program 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 the Youth Protection Policy is available on our District website: [www.rotaryd9710.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au)





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## Cost

There is no general cover-all fee to experience a 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 \$7,000.

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 \$130 (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.



## Scholarships

A Youth Exchange Scholarship is designed to assist applicants from low socio-economic and/or other disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in an exchange

A Scholarship is not paid directly to the successful applicant, but is awarded as a reduction in the Youth Exchange fee. Scholarships will range from \$3000 to full support dependant on the circumstances of the individual applicant.

The application process for a Youth Exchange Scholarship will run parallel to the application process for the Youth Exchange Program. It's important that if you are intending to apply for a Scholarship that you also submit an application for Youth Exchange.

All information provided in the Scholarship application form will be kept strictly confidential. Information will only be distributed to the Selection Committee involved in the scholarship assessment process. The information will not be used in the selection of students for Youth Exchange.



## Who is eligible?

To be eligible for a Scholarship, you must meet the requirements for application for the Youth Exchange Program and satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

1. Your Parent/guardian receives one or more Centrelink income and asset-tested entitlements.
2. Your parent/guardian(s) are receiving the Family Tax Benefit Part A.
3. You are experiencing financial hardship or another form of disadvantage that negatively impacts your ability to participate.

Applicants may be asked to provide supporting documentation. A scholarship will only be awarded if the applicant has been selected for Youth Exchange.



## How to apply

To apply for a Scholarship, you must complete the online application form: <https://forms.gle/Jh4RH8RXonaGpGQ39>

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Uhl the Youth Exchange Chair.



# Rotary International Youth Exchange Program Initial Application

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

<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
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 Program as outlined in the information sheet accompanying this initial application form.

Date	Signed	<i>[mother]</i>
	and	<i>[father]</i>

Once completed please send it to the Rotary Club nearest to your home or school address, before 17 April 2020



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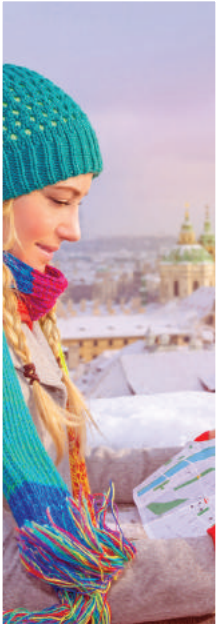
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What responsibilities and activities have you had at school and within the community? (Clubs, offices, etc.)

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

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List the countries where you would like to experience a Rotary Youth Exchange (in order of preference)

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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]*

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## Need More Information?

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

You can also email:  
the District 9705 Youth Exchange Chair  
Rob Uhl - [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com)



## How did you become aware of our Rotary Youth Exchange program?

- Rotary Youth Exchange Australia (RYEA) website
- Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange website
- Our Facebook Page
- Your school
- Your local Rotary Club
- Other: (please indicate)

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## Submission to become a host family in support of the outbound student

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is reciprocal. This means that when we send your child abroad we are required to host an Inbound student. Local Rotary Clubs rely on having host families who can be part of an Inbound student's experience for their year on exchange. Applicants for an OUTBOUND exchange are asked to build on our database by nominating at least two families who are prepared to host. This can be your own family, or some other family that you know and have spoken to who are prepared to host. We can provide you with the Host Family Guidelines booklet. The families that you nominate must be located in the same locality to the Inbound student and within our Rotary District.

**Student Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Host Family 1

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Most suitable hosting period (Please circle one or two)

**July – Sept / Oct – Jan / Feb – April / May – July**

### Host Family 2

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

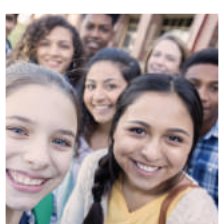
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

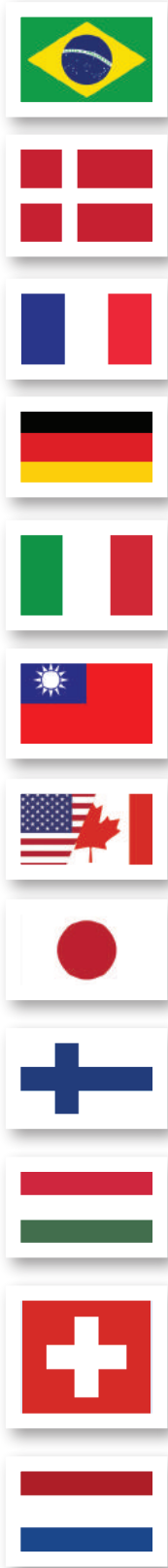
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**The Rotary Club of:**

Has interviewed this student, and supports their nomination to the District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee for consideration as an exchange student.

Please transfer **\$130** to **The Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee's** bank account in support of the application.  
**BSB: 112-908 Account number: 492509128**

**Club Youth Exchange Officer:**

**Signature of Club Officer:**

**Email address of Club Officer:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Send completed and endorsed application to:**

Rotary District 9705 YEP Committee, 77 Throsby Street, Moss Vale, NSW 2577  
**Or scan application and email to:** [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com) before 17 April 2020.  
Late applications may be accepted - please contact the Chair to confirm.

**Notes/Comments:**

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