



Rotary International Youth Exchange

District 6080 Rotary Youth Exchange Office:

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Preliminary Application (return before Oct. 15th)

Read Carefully: If you are interested in participating in the Long-Term (academic year) Rotary Youth Exchange Program, you are invited to **complete this preliminary application** and submit it, along with a **copy of your most recent high school transcript** via email to the Rotary Youth Office at admin@rye6080.org and to the Outbound Coordinator at outbound@rye6080.org. Applications and transcripts can also be printed out and mailed to the address above.

Once the District Youth Exchange committee has received your preliminary application, it will be forwarded to your local Rotary Club. You will then be contacted by one of its members for a preliminary interview. Both you and your parents should plan to attend this interview. If it is determined that you have the qualifications necessary to be an exchange student, the local Rotary Club will then recommend that you be invited to participate in the District selection interviews in November. You should immediately start filling out the full application, which is due in the District Youth Exchange Office by November 1st.

As a general rule, Youth Exchange students have outgoing personalities, are mature for their age, are usually in the top 30% of their class, and are involved in volunteer/community service activities. It is helpful to have studied a foreign language, but language skills are NOT a requirement. However, you should be prepared to commit to undertaking an **intensive** language learning program once your host country and language have been identified. Additionally, it is important that your parents are supportive of your desire to spend a year abroad.

Restrictions: Our program is open to all high school students who will be between the ages of 15 ½ and 18 ½ on August 1st of the year they depart for their exchange. (A VERY LIMITED number of countries will accept a student older than this.)

Suggestion: Prior to making your decision to apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, you should discuss how this will affect your high school status with your school counselor. Some schools WILL give some academic credit for your year abroad, others will NOT. You may need to take correspondence or distance learning courses to make up for credits you might be missing.

IF YOU ARE FILLING IN THIS FORM BY HAND, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR WRITING IS LEGIBLE!!!!

Today's Date:

Student's FULL Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home phone (w. area code):

Student's CELL phone:

Email address:

Date of Birth:

Current Age:

Do you have a Passport?

If so, what is the expiration date?

High School you are attending:

Current grade in school:

Approximate Grade Point Average or Class Ranking:

High School Counselor's name, phone number, and email address:

Have you taken any language courses? (Language, #years):

How did you hear about Rotary Youth Exchange?

Extra-curricular activities and accomplishments:

Personal Hobbies and Interests:

My future goals are:

I want to live for a year in a foreign country because:

The Countries we are likely to exchange with this year are: **Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Ecuador, France, Germany, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Portugal, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan & Turkey.** (It is also likely that only **one** student will be sent to each of these countries, so we encourage you to be **FLEXIBLE** and remember that an exchange in ANY country will be a life-changing opportunity.)

Please draw a line through any country that you would **NOT** be willing to experience. Then, list your top FIVE choices.

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Please note that we do not exchange with English Speaking Countries. Also there is no guarantee that we can arrange an exchange with all of these countries. Exchange partners vary significantly from year to year.

What other countries (not listed above) might you be interested in? 1. 2.

Do your parents support you in your quest to become an exchange student? []Yes []No []Unsure

Has your family ever hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange student before? If so, whom & when?

Would your family consider hosting an inbound student for 3-4 months during your stay abroad? []Yes []No []Unsure

If not, would your parents commit to finding other host families to host your Inbound counterpart? (If you are selected, it is likely that your sponsor club will be required to host an Inbound student in exchange.) []Yes []No []Unsure

Parents' and/or Legal Guardians' Names, Addresses, Phone Number & email contact information:

Save a copy of this application. Then, send it and a copy of your most recent high school transcript as an e-mail attachment to admin@rye6080.org AND outbound@rye6080.org OR you can print off the application and mail it, with your transcript, to the address at the top of the 1st page.