



Preliminary Application Form

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THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people worldwide with the opportunity to study abroad and experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries and gain invaluable personal development. The ambassadorial nature of the exchange promotes world understanding and peace.

Rotary Youth Exchange Programs are organised by individual Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout the world. The Rotary program is recognised as the best young persons exchange program by schools, parents and the students themselves, because of its sound infrastructure and the worldwide support network it provides.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

- To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study at first hand some of the problems and accomplishments of people in lands other than their own.
- To enable students to advance their education by studying for a year in an environment entirely different from their own and undertaking study courses and subjects not normally available to them in secondary schools of their own country
- To broaden their outlook by learning to live with and meet people of different cultures creeds and colours from their own, and having to cope with day to day problems in an environment completely different from the one they have experienced at home
- To act as Ambassadors for their own country and by addressing Rotary Clubs, Community organisations and Youth Groups in their host country and by imparting as much knowledge as they can of their own country and its problems to the people they meet during their year abroad.
- To study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted, so that on their return to their home country they can pass on the knowledge they have gained, by addressing Rotary Clubs, Youth Groups and Community organisations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be in either year 9, 10 or 11 at time of application (students in year 12 are not eligible) and preferably be between 15 years 6 months and 17 years 6 months of age at the time of departure. Departure is always in January of the year following application.
- Applicants should be making sound progress at school and preferably be in the top third of their year group academically, be able to adjust to new and challenging circumstances and have an outgoing personality to fit them for the role as a personal ambassador for their family, their community, Rotary and Australia.
- Applicants should have an interest in people and places and a good general knowledge of Australia, its history and involvement in international affairs. Applicants must have a high standard of personal conduct..
- Students must hold a current Australian passport on departure.

COUNTRY SELECTION

The Rotary Exchange Program maintains exchanges between Rotary districts in various parts of the world. The range of available countries will vary from year to year. These may include but are not limited to, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Brazil, Taiwan and Japan. Students will be asked for their order of preference for the available countries. Every effort is made to match students to their preferences although on some occasions students may be offered an exchange to a country other than one of their preferences.

KEY OBLIGATIONS

- Students are required to attend a secondary school arranged by the host Rotary club. They must accept the discipline of the host school and the host parents and obey the laws of the host country at all time..
- Students are required to adapt to the home environment of the host families. Host families are under no obligation to adapt to the student if this does not happen.
- Your parents are required to provide the cost of personal travel insurance and travel to and from the host country as organized by Rotary and provide for day-to-day personal expenses of the student and any private travel or tours organized by the host Rotary club or district.
- Parents are asked to assist Rotary by providing the names of at least two potential host families for an inbound student. Details of this requirement are in the Host Family Expression of Interest Form.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD FOR ONE YEAR



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This application is the basis for a personal interview of the applicant by a Rotary club/s for possible selection for a Rotary Youth Exchange. The information must be accurate and reflect the character of the applicant. Include any supporting references or proof of personal achievements both within the school and the community. The application **MUST BE TYPED** and signed by the applicant and parent/s and sent to the Rotary address shown.

1. Applicant Information

<i>Full Name (use upper case for your FAMILY name e.g. John SMITH)</i>		<i>Preferred Name</i>		<i>Gender M / F</i>	
<i>Home Address - Street</i>		<i>City or Suburb or Town</i>		<i>State</i>	<i>Post Code</i>

<i>Date of Birth (e.g. 01/January/2000)</i>	<i>Place of Birth (City or Suburb or Town – Country)</i>	<i>Citizen of (Country)</i>
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<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Mobile Phone</i>
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2. Parent / Legal Guardian Information

<i>Full Name of Father/Legal Guardian</i>		<i>Full Name of Mother/Legal Guardian</i>	
<i>Home Address - Street</i>		<i>Home Address - Street</i>	
<i>City or Suburb or Town</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>City or Suburb or Town</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Mobile Phone</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Mobile Phone</i>
<i>Email Address</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	

3. School Information

<i>Name of Secondary School that you currently attend</i>			
<i>School Address - Street</i>		<i>Number of year levels</i>	<i>Your present year level</i>
<i>City or Suburb or Town</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>How many years attended</i>	<i>Year you expect to finish school</i>
<i>List the subjects which you are currently studying</i>			
Attach a transcript of all subjects studied with grades attained last school year. Also attach your most recent grades for this year if available			

4. Endorsement – Student and Parent/s or Legal Guardian

I / We, the parent/s confirm our support of this application for our son/daughter to partake in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, and further confirm that if our he/she is selected after an interview, we will be fully responsible for the cost of participation and agree to the obligations as detailed in the information provided.	
Signature of Student	Date:
Signature of Parent/s	Date:

Applicant Name:

The purpose of this application is to introduce you as the applicant to an interview panel from a participating Rotary club/s who will make a selection of one applicant. It is important that you provide answers to the following questions. If successful you will need to complete a more comprehensive application, which will include similar questions as well as school and medical reports. That application is then sent to a potential host Rotary club.

5. Personal Background

Do you have any dietary restrictions?	<i>Please enter 'NONE', or explain – e.g. vegetarian, or allergic to....</i>
Do you smoke or use tobacco products?	<i>If YES, please explain.</i>
Do you drink alcohol?	<i>If YES, please explain.</i>
Have you ever used illegal drugs?	<i>If YES, please explain.</i>
Do you have a steady boy/girlfriend?	<i>If YES, please explain.</i>

6. Languages – if any other than English

Language	Years studied	Proficiency (indicate Poor, Fair, Good or Fluent)		
		Speaking	Reading	Writing

7. Exchange Countries

Applicants have the opportunity to nominate preferred countries of exchange that are available. However a preparedness to accept an exchange in any of the available countries is necessary. These countries can typically include but are not limited to, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Brazil, Taiwan and Japan. Please indicate your first four preferences. These can be changed before the final placement procedure.

1 st Preference	2 nd Preference	3 rd Preference	4 th Preference

8. Personal Information

Type an essay briefly answering the following questions and attach this to this signed application with your name on the top the page.

- Q1.** Why do you want to be an exchange student?
- Q2.** How would being an exchange student affect your future education?
- Q3.** Describe your current school timetable?
- Q4.** What subject is most important to you and why?
- Q5.** What leadership roles have you held at school or with other sporting or community organisations?
- Q6.** What do you do in your free time?
- Q7.** What are the strengths in your personal character, which will make you a successful exchange student?

IMPORTANT

Submit the completed application, Pages 1 and 2 and any other supporting information to the following address either before April 15th or a later date by arrangement.

This application will then be forwarded to a participating Rotary club who will conduct an interview of yourself and your parent/s at a time and location, which will be advised to all applicants.

Unsuccessful applications may be forwarded to other participating Rotary Clubs for further consideration.

Return to; Rotary District 9810 Youth Exchange **OR** sign and scan all pages and email to; P.O. Box 61, HEALESVILLE 3777 Phone: 0408 388 489 **stuhoo2000@yahoo.com.au**