

Rotary Youth Exchange



2017-2018 Exchange Year

Purpose of Rotary Youth Exchange



- **Offers young people the opportunity to experience the cultures, problems, and accomplishments of people in other countries.**
- **Participants return home with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves.**

History of Program



- **Exchanges between Rotary clubs in California and Latin American countries began in 1939.**
- **In 1972 the program expanded to include over 58 countries and more than 8,000 youths per year.**

Eligibility

- **Qualified students between the age of 15 and 18 August 1 of departure year.) Students who have graduated from high school as of Aug 1 of departure year are not eligible for the program.**
- **Qualified applicants are academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate community leadership skills.**

Exchange Partner Countries



- **District 5080 has exchanged with Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, South Africa, Thailand, and Taiwan**
- **Exchange partners vary each year**

YE Fee

- US \$6,000 paid in four installments. The fee includes:
 - **Round trip airfare**
 - **Full medical insurance**
 - **Visas**
 - **Outbound orientation for youths and parents**
 - **Any orientation sessions in host country**
 - **Language camps required by host country**

Other Costs



- **The Fee does not include:**
 - A required \$300-\$500 emergency fund (refundable)
 - Passport
 - Travel expenses for Visa acquisition
 - A required blazer
 - School uniforms where required
 - Optional tours, miscellaneous and personal expenses in host country

Total Cost of YE



- **Approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000, not including travel expense for Visa**

YE Calendar



- **September**
 - – Preliminary applications completed
- **October**
 - Interview of applicants
 - Selection of applicants by the Rotary Clubs
- **November**
 - Successful applicants are approved by District
- **December 1**
 - Completed applications and non-refundable \$500 US due to District

YE Calendar cont.



- **February 1**
 - **Second payment due - \$500**
- **February**
 - **Youths notified of the country to which they will be sent**
- **April 1**
 - **Third payment due - \$2,500**

YE Calendar cont.



- **May**
 - **Youths and parents attend weekend orientation program**
- **June 1**
 - **Final payment due - \$2,500**
- **July – August**
 - **Youths depart to their host countries**