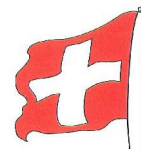
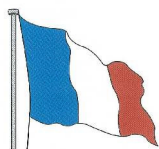
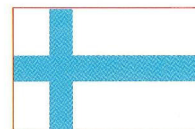
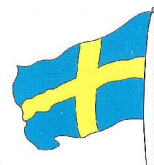
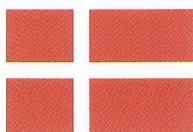
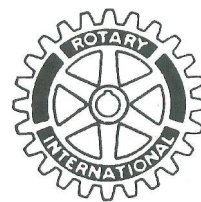


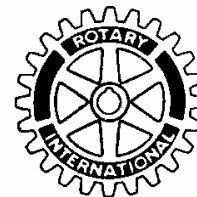
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE



**AN OPPORTUNITY TO
STUDY OVERSEAS AT A
FOREIGN HIGH SCHOOL
FOR ONE YEAR**



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



The Youth Exchange Programme is a tremendous adventure in the international programme of Rotary. Each year it provides opportunities for many thousands of students to live and study in distant parts of the world for 12 months, in an entirely different environment to their own.

The impact that this programme will have on international relations in the future is incalculable. But perhaps more important is the impact that the programme is having on the lives of the students who participate in it. These young people will be the leaders of their communities in the future, and the breadth of experience and the widening of their horizons gained through the programme must play a vital role in the shaping of tomorrow's world.

Objectives of the Programme

- To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling Students to experience first hand, life in a country different from their own.
- To enable Students:
 - * to advance their education by studying at a Secondary School for a year, in an environment different from their own and in courses not normally available to them in schools in their home country.
 - * to broaden their outlook by living with and meeting people of different cultures, creeds and backgrounds and by having to cope with day-to-day problems in an environment completely different from their home experience. The Exchange permits them to see the problems of people in other countries from the perspective of those people.
 - * to act as Ambassadors for their own country 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 current issues.
 - * to study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted and on their return to their home country, to discuss their experiences and knowledge gained with Rotary Clubs, schools, youth groups and community organisations.

**A down-to-earth, broad based experience -
that is what the Student Exchange Programme is all about!**

The Rotary Youth Exchange Programme is NOT

- Geared to provide an around the world travel experience.
- Designed for a Student to be a 'VIP' for a whole year.
- In existence to show others how well-to-do a Student may be, to display a fabulous wardrobe, or to display, or continually boast about, financial excesses.

**Seriously consider these points and follow the spirit as well as the letter of the Programme.
Those who do benefit highly - we know, because we have seen it in action.**

Who is eligible to apply?

Secondary School Students who:

- Have above average academic ability, and are in year 12 or 13 at the time of application.
- Are aged at least 16 and under 18 at the date of departure in January.
- Have an outgoing and pleasant personality, with good character and reputation to fit them for the role as an Ambassador for New Zealand.
- Are New Zealand citizens (born in New Zealand or naturalised).
- Are medically fit, with no serious medical conditions.
- Are able to accept discipline and are capable of adjusting to new and strange conditions. They should be adaptable and capable of comfortably living with up to four different host families.

All Students are selected solely on merit.

**Students selected undertake to abide by Rotary International Youth Exchange Rules
relating to drugs, driving, drinking and dating and accept host parent controls.**

Financial Obligations

The parents of an Exchange Student are required to undertake the following financial obligations.

- The cost of transport to and from the host country and town. This varies considerably and depends on destination and form of travel.
- Exchange rules stipulate that the Student must take a Comprehensive Insurance Policy covering accident, hospital and medical, as well as baggage loss, public liability and loss of deposit. This is arranged by the New Zealand Rotary District once a Student is selected for the programme.
- Parents are required to maintain a bank account with sufficient funds to be used for clothing, including school uniform (if required) travel, etc. This amount is to be advised by the Hosting Rotary District Chairman. Your Bank Manager will advise on the best method of transferring this amount and further amounts should they be required.

Costs can vary between NZ\$8,000 and \$15,000 according to parents/students budget.

Initial cost before the Student departs is between \$4,000 and \$6,000,

with the rest incurred over the year away.

Selection and Travel Programme

- Applicants should complete the attached Initial Application Form and forward to the Rotary Club contact shown on the front cover before the closing date. As the closing date varies from District to District, you should ask the Rotary Club contact of the actual closing date for your particular District.
- Applicants are required to attend local club, area and District selection sessions during April and May.
- Once selected by a New Zealand Rotary District, successful Students are required to complete a detailed Rotary International Application Form which is then sent to a Rotary District in one of the following countries. Please note that not all Districts exchange with all countries listed, Students will be advised of the available countries at their district selection.

Argentina	Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Chile	Denmark	Finland
France	Germany	Great Britain	Holland	Japan	Norway	South Africa
Sweden	Switzerland	United States of America	Venezuela			

- Students going to countries other than the English speaking ones are expected to learn the language as quickly as possible. Opportunities exist for many languages to be studied before leaving New Zealand. Those who make the effort to learn before they go, settle into a foreign speaking country quicker than those who don't.
- Only after acceptance by an overseas Rotary Club does the Student become an official Rotary Youth Exchange Student
- Depending on the District, a series of mandatory orientation sessions are held, these may include some of the following:
 - * A one day mini orientation programme which Students and Parents are required to attend.
 - * An orientation weekend which Students and Parents are required to attend.
 - * A Marae cultural weekend which Students only are required to attend.
 - * A one day final orientation for Students and Parents. Uniforms, tickets etc are distributed on this day.
 - * Students depart January and return January the following year
 - * Debriefing session is held in January/February after return for Students and Parents.

Rotary International Arranges

- A New Zealand Rotary Club selects their Student to go forward to District Selection and, after selection by District, arranges for a Counsellor to maintain regular contact with the Student before they depart and while they are away.
- The New Zealand Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee arranges District selection, orientation and administration of the programme.
- The New Zealand Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee arranges all travel to and from the overseas Rotary District and organises the appropriate Insurance Policy.
- The overseas Rotary District organises a Host Rotary Club.
- The Rotary Club that hosts a Student will arrange a School, up to four host families and will appoint a Counsellor for the 12 months of the Students stay abroad. If Students have any problems with a Host Family, or with finances, or anything else, the Counsellor is there to help them should they need assistance.
- The Host Rotary Club pays a nominal monthly allowance of approximately US\$50.
- The overseas Rotary District arranges various activities with other Rotary Exchange Students who are being hosted in their District - this often includes an extensive summer tour (at the Student's own cost NZ\$1,000 to \$3,500).
- The Host Rotary Club provides opportunities for numerous activities within the Club and with Club members.

Privacy - Every Student and their parent(s) who complete the attached Initial Application Form consent to the collection of personal information concerning them for the purpose of applying for acceptance as a Rotary International Exchange Student and consent to the disclosure of all the information in the initial and formal application forms to Rotarians, potential host families, Rotary Clubs and Rotary District Committees, both in New Zealand and overseas.