

SHORT-TERM EXCHANGES

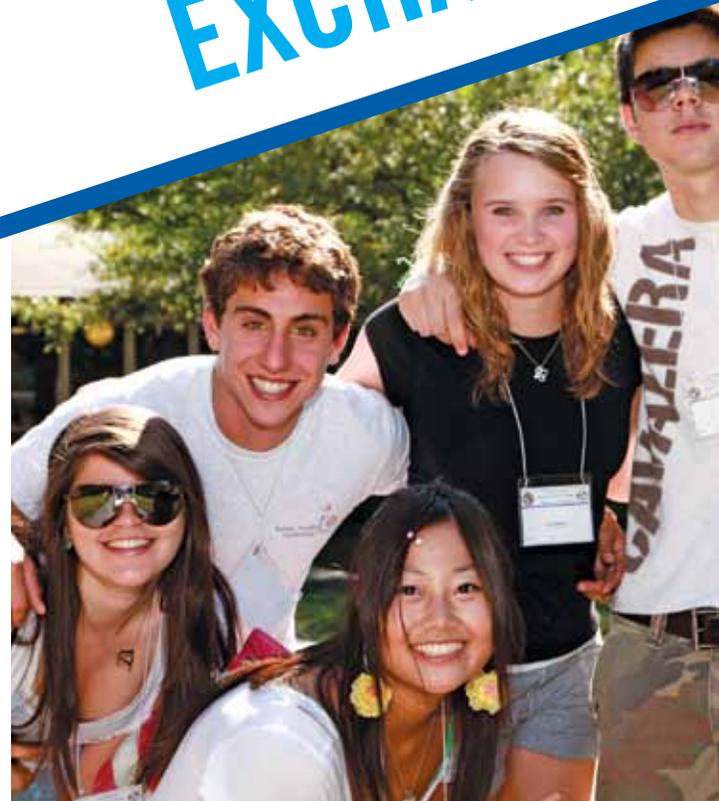
vary in length from several days to several weeks. Although you generally would not attend school in the host country, you may be able to tailor the exchange to match your interests or to include tours of specific places or regions. The four most common types of short-term exchanges are homestays, tours, family-to-family, and international youth camps.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. More than 33,000 clubs conduct projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns. For more information, contact Rotary International staff at youthexchange@rotary.org.



SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE



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ELIGIBILITY

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to students ages 15-19. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in their community. Candidates should also possess qualities such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to fully experience life in another country and become excellent cultural ambassadors.

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND FORM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and complete a written application and in-person interview.

PROGRAM COST

The program is completely administered by Rotary club members, keeping program expenses low. Costs vary depending on the district and country where the exchange occurs, so contact your local club or district for specific information. Typically, students and their parents or guardians are expected to cover the following expenses:

- Round-trip airfare
- Travel insurance (about \$65); that includes medical, accident, and illness coverage
- Passport (about \$110)
- Spending money

HOW TO APPLY

Rotary Youth Exchanges are administered locally, and all applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club and district.

Rotary clubs exist in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, and Youth Exchanges take place in nearly all of them. Contact the District 7120 Short-Term Youth Exchange Chair John Connelly for more information: 585-703-1322 or email JCONNEL3@rochester.rr.com

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR YOUR OWN COUNTRY

After you've spoken with the District 7120 Short-Term Youth Exchange Chair, you will be instructed on how to complete an application and learn of steps we take to ensure a safe environment for both the inbound and outbound youths participating in the exchange.

EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

STATEMENT OF CONDUCT FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

