



Being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student will be the Greatest Experience of your life!

Why be a tourist, when you can be a local.

Spend 2017 living with host families in a country other than your own. You may learn a new language; you will learn a new way of living and a great deal about yourself. While you're busy learning, the people you meet will be learning about your country, your culture, and your ideas.



Be a young ambassador.

Help to bring the world closer together as an ambassador for Rotary and your country and you'll be making some great friends in the process.

What does the program cost?

The 2017 Rotary District 9600 package is likely to cost each family between \$8,000 and \$9,000 including a fuel surcharge. The first instalment is a \$800 application fee, and the remaining balance to be paid in three instalments.

Host Rotary Clubs usually provide students with an allowance to cover incidentals, and your family will need to supplement this, the major expenses being host country safari and clothing. Plan on spending between \$5000 - \$6000. Although some students spend more than this during their exchange year, they are expected to budget responsibly.

The Program provides the following:-

1. Airfare from Australia to your host country.
2. 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
3. Comprehensive travel and health insurance.
4. Administration and support for your year away.
5. Selection weekend.
6. Two orientation weekends including: briefing, accommodation, and meals.
7. One week Sunshine Safari tour with other exchange students.
8. Uniform, badge, and business cards.
9. Visas.

What doesn't the program cost include?

1. Spending money (apart from the monthly allowance).
2. Bus tour organised by host country.
3. Special clothing.
4. Gifts and souvenirs.

What requirements are there?

- Age 15-18 years (may vary from District to District).
- Academic record.
- Maturity and strength of character.
- Degree of adaptability.
- Participation in community activities.
- Family relationships.
- Ability to communicate well with people.
- Personality.
- Knowledge of foreign language.

Where can I go?

Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference – Austria, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan Switzerland. Preferences are considered, but can not always be acceded to. If you wish for a different country then please advise and the Committee will see if it possible to be organised.

How the selection process works.

Nominations close with Rotary Clubs 31 March 2016. After your local Rotary Club conducts interviews and makes their selection, full application forms (4 copies) must be forwarded to the D9600 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee together with a \$800 application fee.

Full applications close with the D9600 Youth Exchange Committee 20th April 2016.

Selection weekend is held on the 28th and 29th May, 2016. (venue: Luther Heights Youth Camp) Late applications may be accepted at the approval of the District Youth Exchange Chairman.

Selected students, accompanied by a parent, are required to attend Orientation weekends:

- 6th to 7th August 2016.
- 3rd to 4th December 2016
- Students are also required to go on the Sunshine Safari from 4th to 10th December 2016.

If you're ready for a challenge, then contact:

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