

# Youth Exchange



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## *Programs for School Age Students*

Throughout the world Rotary places a great emphasis on education, ethical behavior and the development of leadership skills for youth. In support of these principles, and to promote international understanding, goodwill and peace in the world, Rotary District 5910 conducts two exchange programs for school age young people in Southeast Texas.

Programs are open to all young people of both genders including children and grandchildren of Rotarians. Participants serve as ambassadors of goodwill promoting better understanding among people of different cultures and selection is based in part on predicted success in such a position. All Rotary programs are nonprofit and these programs are operated by nonpaid Rotary volunteers. Consequently, although providing significantly better supervision than other exchange programs, participant costs are less than 1/3 of those of most other programs. (For school year exchange students, host Rotary clubs provide a monthly allowance of approximately \$100 per month, further reducing the cost. Moreover, on returning they can almost always obtain 12 or more semester hours university credit in a foreign language by exam.).

## **Long Term (School Year) Program**

**Age Group: 15 to 18½ – Length of stay: One school year**

Participants live as a member of at least two (usually three) different host families in another country and attend school there. In addition to learning a new culture and a new language, participants develop greater maturity and a better understanding of themselves and the world. Applications due November 14 for August departure. Late applications are considered, but country choices may be reduced.

## **Short Term Program**

**Age Group: 15 to 18½ – Length of stay: About 3-4 weeks**

Usually matched students of the same gender exchange visits in succession during the same summer break from school, but other arrangements are possible. Living in matched student homes, participants gain a better understanding of a new and different way of life. Applications due December 1 for following summer. Late applications are considered, but country choices may be reduced.

## **For More Information and Application Forms**

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