



Rotary
District 9630



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**Preliminary Application for
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
for Exchange Starting January 2016**

Initial applications must be submitted to the Rotary District 9630 Youth Exchange Committee

Applications close for January Departure for 2016 on the 15th March 2015.

Preliminary application lodgement by the following method:

Mail: [District 9630 Youth Exchange](#)
[46 Yvonne Cres](#)
[MT WARREN PARK QLD 4207](#)

Email: secretary@yep9630.org

If you have any questions, you can contact the Youth Exchange Program Chair:
Wendy Howitt 0417 645 174

Email: district-chair@yep9630.org

Initial interviews are conducted by local Rotary Clubs will be conducted in March and April 2015.

COME ON AND MEET THE WORLD

A year of study overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student gives you –

- **An opportunity to develop your personal self-confidence and maturity**
- **An opportunity to develop a lifetime of International friendships**
- **An opportunity to develop a real understanding of many different cultures**
- **An opportunity to develop new language skills**
- **An opportunity to develop a base for future education and career goals**
- **An opportunity to develop in many ways**

Rotary Youth Exchange – an opportunity of a lifetime.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study at first hand some of the cultures and accomplishments of people in lands other than their own.

To enable students to advance their education by studying for a year in an environment entirely different to their own and undertaking study of courses and subjects not normally available to them in secondary schools of their own country.

To broaden their own outlook by learning to live with and meet people of different cultures, creeds and races to their own, and by having to cope with day to day problems in an environment completely different to the one they have experienced at home.

To act as an Ambassador for Australia 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 culture to the people they meet during their year abroad.

To study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted so that on their return to Australia they can pass on the knowledge they have gained by addressing Rotary Clubs, Community organisations and Youth groups.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The preferred age of applicants is between 15 and 17 years of age at the time of departure. This is always in January of the year following application.

Applicants must have above average academic ability and must have an outgoing and pleasant personality to fit them for the role as Ambassador for Australia. They must have the ability to accept discipline and be capable of adjusting to new and different conditions. Applicants must be of good character and reputation.

Relatives of Rotarians are eligible for Youth Exchange, but receive no special preference in selection. All applicants are selected solely on merit.

Students must hold a current Australian passport on departure.



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STUDENT'S OBLIGATIONS

1. Students are required to obey the laws of the host country at all times and accept discipline of host school and the host parents. Students are required to adapt to the home environment of the host families – Host families are under no obligation to adapt themselves to the student.
2. Students must return to Australia on completion of the exchange by the most direct route as arranged by Rotary's travel consultants.
3. Students at all times must conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit as an Ambassador of Their Family, Rotary and Australia.
4. Students must be aware of their obligation to participate as a 3 year program:
 - a. Year 1 (2015): Pre departure Training.
 - b. Year 2 (2016): Year abroad.
5. Year 3 (2017): As a Rebound student participate in the training of students for the next departure.

NATURAL PARENT/GUARDIAN'S OBLIGATIONS

1. The natural parents are required to pay the participation fee also known as "the Global Fee" which will include the cost of the students travel to and from the host country, insurance, uniform, business cards, training seminars and other promotional material as determined by the District Youth Exchange Program Committee. Travel is arranged by the by Rotary's travel consultants.
2. Parents will also provide and maintain an emergency fund of approximately \$500-00AUD, which can be drawn on, with the consent of the student's counsellor or host family.
3. Parents are required to provide for day to day personal living expenses including clothing, telephone, postage, and all travel for students whilst abroad. The Rotary Host Club will provide approximately \$120-00AUD, per month as a living allowance.
4. Parents/Guardians are required to attend two pre-departure "training camps" and should show support for the student, the program and its objectives.
5. Parents should be willing to participate as host parents for an amount of time during the program.



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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Applications for an exchange must be lodged in writing on the form attached to this brochure to Rotary District Youth Exchange Secretary, who will forward it to the Rotary Club closest to where you live. This form must be lodged before 15 March in the year prior to departure.

You will be contacted by your local Rotary Club to have an Interview arranged for yourself and your parents. Clubs may interview more than one applicant and will normally select one student to endorse through to District interviews. Student's endorsement must be received to the District Committee no later than 31st March.

Successful applicants will then be required to submit their completed Rotary International Application for long term exchange to the District Youth Exchange Committee for consideration by 30 April. Applications received after this date may be rejected.

In May/June, Rotary District 9630 Youth Exchange Committee will interview all applicants endorsed by individual Rotary Clubs in the District.

District endorsement of Students selected for a year abroad will be made following the interview by the District panel in June.

The District Youth Exchange Committee will conduct several briefing sessions for parents and students during the year leading up to departure. These dates are compulsory.

The District Youth Exchange Committee will take into consideration the countries of choice by the applicant, but reserves the right to offer placement with a Rotary Club in any country accredited to accept exchange students.

The Overseas Rotary Club is responsible to arrange board and lodgings with approved host families for the duration of the exchange year at no cost to the student.

Students endorsed by our District Youth Exchange Committee will, as a general rule, depart from Australia in January. The period of exchange will be between 49 and 52 Weeks.

No student is a definite Exchange Student until officially accepted by a host Rotary Club in another Country