



ROTARY DISTRICT 5080 YOUTH EXCHANGE

British Columbia, Idaho, Washington

Building Bridges Between Cultures



District 5080 Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange Links
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HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- Traveling the world?
- Living in another country?
- Being fluent in another language?



Overview



- **What is Rotary**
- **Long Term Exchange –School year**
- **Being a Host Family**

The Overall Value for Students and Rotary Clubs

Rotary District 5080

- **Rotary District 5080 includes southeastern British Columbia, Canada, northern Idaho and eastern Washington, USA.**



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary



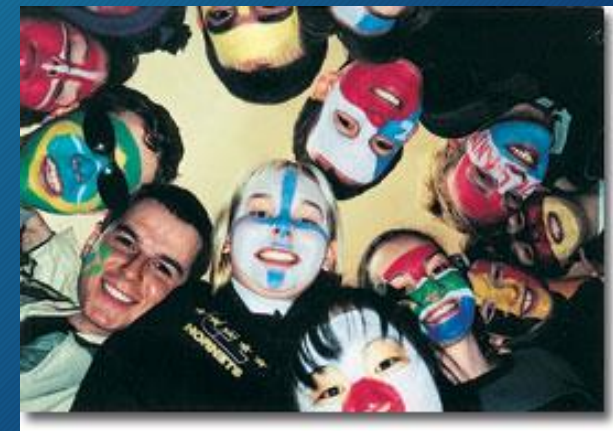
- **Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.**
- **Who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards.**
- **Help build goodwill and peace in the world.**
- **More than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members.**
- **Conduct projects address illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns.**
- **Youth Exchange is just one of many Rotary programs that seek to make the world a better place**

History of the Youth Exchange Program

- Exchanges between Rotary clubs in California and Latin American countries began in 1939.
- In 1972 the program expanded to include over 58 countries and more than 8,000 youths per year.
- District 5080 has been participating in youth exchange since 1981. Members of the Spokane area clubs were the pioneers of exchange in District 5080.

Purpose of Rotary Youth Exchange

- **Offers young people the opportunity to experience the cultures, problems, and accomplishments of people in another country.**
- **Participants return home with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves**



Long Term Exchange

Currently Accepting Applications – Due October 15th

How Long Does It Last?

- Long term exchanges are for an academic year and vary from 10 to 11 ½ months depending on the country.
- Students depart in the July-September period and return after the end of the academic year.

Qualifications

- Qualified students between the age of 15 and 18 (August 1 of departure year.)
- Students who have graduated from high school as of Aug 1 of departure year are not eligible for the program.
- Qualified applicants are: academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate community leadership skills.

Long-Term Exchange Partner Countries

- **Bolivia**
- **Brazil**
- **Chile**
- **Denmark**
- **Ecuador**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Italy**
- **Japan**
- **Netherlands**
- **Peru**
- **Poland**
- **Spain**
- **Sweden**
- **Switzerland**
- **Thailand**
- **Taiwan**



*Exchange partners vary each year

Youth Exchange Costs

- **US \$6,250 paid in four installments.**
- **The fee includes:**
 - **Round trip airfare**
 - **Full medical insurance**
 - **Visas**
 - **Outbound orientation for youths and parents**
 - **Any orientation sessions in host country**
 - **Personal business cards with photo**
 - **District patches, pins and regalia**



Other Costs

The Fee does not include:

- **A required \$300-\$500 emergency fund (refundable)**
- **Passport**
- **Travel expenses, if any, for Visa acquisition**
- **A required blazer**
- **School uniforms where required**
- **Optional tours, miscellaneous and personal expenses in host country**
- **Language learning programs such as Rosetta Stone**
- **Language Camps**



Youth Exchange Calendar

- **September-October – Preliminary applications completed**
 - **Due October 1st**
- **November–Interview of applicants**
 - **Interviews first two Saturdays in November**
 - **Selection of applicants by the Rotary Clubs**
 - **Successful applicants are approved by District**
- **December 1**
 - **Completed applications and \$500 “US” payment due to the District**

Calendar Continued

- **February 1–Second payment due - \$750**
- **February–Youths notified of the country to which they will be sent**
- **April 1–Third payment due - \$2,500**
- **December through May - Various virtual meetings - as scheduled**
- **May 8th –Youths and parent/s attend weekend orientation program**
- **June 1–Final payment due - \$2,500**
- **July – August–Students depart to their host countries**
- **Return July next year**

Being a Host Family

- **Host student for 3-4 months**
- **Be part of your family: included in all family activities**
- **Qualify - Background Checks, Home Review, Training**
- **Provide: Room and Board, Home environment**

The Value of Youth Exchange





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