

Experience the World!

Rotary Youth Exchange



Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarships

Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarships are made available by local Rotary clubs and Rotary districts in 80 countries around the world. Every year 8,000 scholarships for the Long Term and Short Term Programs are awarded. The Rotary Youth Exchange Programs, the opportunity of a lifetime for students, are made possible by the tremendous infrastructure of Rotary International with its 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and the volunteer efforts of its members. In central and Northeast Arkansas the Youth Exchange Programs are administered by Rotary District 6150.

Scholarships for the Short Term Program

Acceptance in the Short Term Program equals a scholarship of \$2,000 to spend about 4 weeks of the summer in another country. The student will live with a host family with a child roughly the same age. The host family introduces its student guest to the local culture and attractions. The scholarships cover orientation, room and board in the host country and local Rotary support in the host country. The scholarships do not cover insurance, airfare and some administrative and other costs – about \$2,000. A Supplemental Scholarship Fund can help qualifying students with these extra costs.

Application Process: Application forms for students are available at www.rotary6150youthexchange.org. Applications are **due January 31** for the following summer. Forms to apply to for a Supplemental Scholarship are also available at the website. Applications should be submitted to Rotary District 6150 Youth Exchange. Applicants and their parents will be interviewed by the local Rotary club. Up to 15 applicants approved by local Rotary clubs in the District will have a second telephone interview with the Rotary District in March. Scholarship award recipients will be notified by April 1.

Selection Criteria: To be awarded a scholarship, a student must be age 15 - 18 ½ at the time of departure, have an interest in learning and adapting to new customs, food and language and have initiative to get involved in activities.

Countries: Examples of where a student in the Short Term Program might go are:

Argentina	Finland	Japan	Sweden
Australia	France	Mexico	
Austria	Germany	Russia	
Ecuador	Italy	Spain	

Scholarships for the Long Term Program

Acceptance into the Long Term program equals a Scholarship of \$20,000 to spend a year in another country and attend school there. The student will live with host families and be supported by the local Rotary club in the host country. The scholarships cover orientation before departure, room and board, tuition, a monthly allowance, a blazer, business cards and Rotary support. The scholarships do not cover airfare, insurance, passport, visa and some administrative and other costs – about \$5,000. Rotary District 6150 has a Supplemental Scholarship Fund to help qualifying students with these extra costs.

Application Process: Application forms are available at www.rotary6150.org/go/ye. Applications are due November 1 for the following school year with departure typically in August or early September. Forms to apply for a Supplemental Scholarship are also available at the website. Applications should be submitted to Rotary District 6150 Youth Exchange. Applicants and their parents will be interviewed first by the local Rotary club. From the applications approved by local Rotary clubs in the District, Rotary District 6150 will conduct a second interview of up to 20 students for the Long Term Program. This interview will occur the first weekend in December. Scholarship award recipients will be notified within about two weeks thereafter. A 4-5 day orientation camp for outbound students is held in mid-June.

Selection criteria: To be awarded a scholarship, a student must be age 15-19 at the time of departure, have an average grade ranking in the top half of the class and have the traits of an ambassador, that is, willingness to adapt to new situations, initiative to get involved in activities, willingness to speak to groups and an attitude of giving to others. Students are also evaluated on neatness of appearance, ability to communicate, personality, preparedness, maturity, level of interest, social skills, record of activities, travel & language experience and support of family.

Countries: Examples of countries where a student might go are:

Argentina	Colombia	Japan	Taiwan
Belgium	France	Paraguay	Thailand
Bolivia	Germany	Spain	
Brazil	Italy	Switzerland	

More information on the Short and Long Term Exchange Programs is available from

www.rotary6150.org/go/ye

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