

# Rotary

District 7120



# Youth Exchange



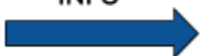
## *Do you want to be an exchange student?*

- Join the legacy of this world renowned program, in existence since 1962 and...
  - See the world
  - Grow as a person and develop more confidence
  - Experience a new culture
  - Become proficient in another language
  - Build lifelong friendships with people all over the world
- Be one of the 8,000 students from around the world who will go abroad next year to one of 25+ countries across 5 continents!
- Value the Rotary experience! As a volunteer-based program, student cost is minimal! Host families and local Rotary clubs sponsor lodging and schooling!

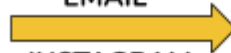


Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are due November 20th

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## 2024-2025 | Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What is the price of RYE?**
  - The flat price of the RYE Program is \$6,500 + a \$200 application processing fee.
    - This fee covers airfare, insurance and more. Every student's host Rotary club abroad provides a monthly stipend which varies by host country, however students may need additional pocket money throughout the year for souvenirs, Rotary-organized tours, etc.
    - Please inquire for a more in-depth financial breakdown.
- **Is there financial aid available?**
  - Financial aid funds vary from year-to-year. If funding is a concern please contact ROTEX. ROTEX will work with and support dedicated students with fundraising efforts to limit the barrier of cost.
- **Am I guaranteed to go to a certain country?**
  - You are not guaranteed a certain country, but part of the application and interview process involves making a list of which countries you would prefer to go to. We take our applicants' country preferences into consideration during our country selection process.
- **How do I apply?**
  - Apply online! Click [here](#) to go directly to the application! You will need some of your personal information, and will be required to upload photos. Supplemental documentation will be required; click the link to find out more.
- **When is the application deadline?**
  - Our application deadline is November 1st, 2024. The application for students to go on exchange in the 2025-2026 is open July 1st.
- **What countries can I go to?**
  - Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Thailand are the countries we are exchanging with in the 2023-2024 exchange year. *Each country has different restrictions regarding the age of students that they will accept (e.g. some will not accept students over 18 who plan to do a gap year before college). These are subject to change at the discretion of Rotary in each country.*
- **Will going on exchange impact my scholarship to college?**
  - Typically no, as most exchange students who are applying for college and scholarships will defer both their acceptance and scholarships to the next year. RYE can provide documentation proving that you will be an exchange student for

the year you are deferring.

- **Will going on exchange cause me not to graduate high school on time?**
  - Most students have no problems graduating on time, but it depends on courses taken, documentation of the host school, and your high school's specific graduation requirements. Some students are required to take classes over the summer. Please consult your respective guidance counselor for further details.
- **Will the classes I take on exchange transfer to high school/college?**
  - Courses are rarely transferable as high school/college credits. It depends on the courses taken, the documentation of the host school, and your local high school's graduation requirements.
- **Can my family visit me while I'm on exchange?**
  - Yes, but rules differ for every country as per when parents can visit their children. For example, Rotary District 7120's rule is that parents cannot visit before April 1st of the exchange year.
- **Is it the same as studying abroad in college?**
  - It's not! While some collegiate study abroad programs allow you to immerse yourself in the culture, many programs will be taught in English and you live with other students who are also studying abroad. Studying abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange program fully immerses the students in the culture of their host nations by placing them with native host families who will be able to provide the student with the authentic experience of growing up in the foreign country.
- **Will I feel left out when I go to college if I took a gap year?**
  - No. When starting college, many people are coming from different places and backgrounds and are different ages and a surprising number of people will have also taken gap years. Plus, it won't be your first time experiencing homesickness!
- **Is there a shorter exchange program than one year?**
  - Yes! There is a short term exchange that takes place over the summer. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **If I go on exchange does my family have to host an exchange student?**
  - While it is encouraged, your family does *not* have to host an exchange student, but they are expected to help find other host families for an incoming exchange student.
- **Do I need to have a certain GPA to be accepted into the program?**
  - Our program does not have a GPA requirement, although we do expect students to be in good academic standing.