



Being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student will be the Greatest Experience of your life!

Why be a tourist, when you can be a local.

Spend 2025 living with host families in a country other than your own. You may learn a new language; you will learn a new way of living and a great deal about yourself. While you're busy learning, the people you meet will be learning about your country, your culture, and your ideas.



Be a young ambassador.

Help to bring the world closer together as an ambassador for Rotary and your country and you'll be making some great friends in the process.

What does the program cost?

The 2025 Rotary District 9620 package is likely to cost each student around \$10,500. The first instalment is a \$1,500 application fee, (payable at Selection) and the remaining balance to be paid in three instalments.

Host Rotary Clubs usually provide students with an allowance to cover incidentals, and your family will need to supplement this, the major expenses being host country safari and clothing. Plan on spending between \$5000 - \$10,000. Although some students spend more than this during their exchange year, they are expected to budget responsibly.

The Program provides the following:-

1. Airfare from Australia to your host country.
2. 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
3. Comprehensive travel and health insurance.
4. Administration and support for your year away.
5. Selection weekend.
6. Two orientation weekends including: briefing, accommodation, and meals.
7. One week Sunshine Safari tour with other exchange students.
8. Uniform, badge, and business cards.

What doesn't the program cost include?

1. Spending money (apart from the monthly allowance).
2. Bus tour organised by host country.
3. Special clothing.
4. Gifts and souvenirs.

What requirements are there?

- Age 15-18 years (may vary from District to District).
- Academic record.
- Maturity and strength of character.
- Degree of adaptability.
- Participation in community activities.
- Family relationships.
- Ability to communicate well with people.
- Personality.
- Knowledge of foreign language.

Where can I go?

Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference – Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Czechia/Slovakia, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan. Preferences are considered, but cannot always be acceded to. If you wish for a different country then please advise and the Committee will see if it possible to be organised.

How the selection process works.

Nominations close with Rotary Clubs end of March. After your local Rotary Club conducts interviews and makes their selection, full application forms (4 copies) must be forwarded to the D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.

Full applications close with the D9620 Youth Exchange Committee 1st week of May 2024.

Selection weekend is held on the 18th and 19th May, 2024. (venue: TBA) Late applications may be accepted at the approval of the District Youth Exchange Chairman. Parents to also attend.

Selected students, accompanied by a parent, are required to attend Orientation weekends:

- 17th & 18th August 2024
- 7th & 8th December 2024
- Students are also required to go on the Sunshine Safari from 8th to 14th December 2024.

If you're ready for a challenge, then contact:

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