

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

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2010, you'll spend a year 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 too – about your country, your culture, and your ideas.

You will be a young ambassador.

You will be helping to bring the world closer together as an ambassador for Rotary and your country – and you'll be making some good friends in the process.

What does the Program cost?

The 2010 Rotary District 9600 package is likely to cost each family between \$8,000 and \$9,000 + fuel surcharge, paid in instalments. The first instalment is a \$500 application fee, \$2,500 acceptance fee and the remaining balance in two equal instalments which will be required on 1st August and 1st October 2009. The fuel surcharge is paid separately.

Host Rotary Clubs usually provide students with an allowance to cover incidentals, but your family will need to supplement this, with the major expenses being host country safari and clothing. Plan on a minimum of \$6,000. 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. Transport to Australian departure point.
2. 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
3. Comprehensive travel and health insurance.
4. Administration and support service for your year away.
5. Selection weekend.
6. Two orientation weekends. Briefing, accommodation, and meals.
7. One week Sunshine Safari tour with other exchange students.
8. Uniform, badges, and business cards.
9. Gift starter pack for host families
10. Visas.

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. Departure Tax on return.
5. Additional gifts, souvenirs, postage.

What requirements are there?

- _ Age between 16 and 18 years.
- _ 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.

Age limits may vary from District to District. Generally, students who have just completed year 12, must have turned 16 but not have turned 19 on or before the day of proposed departure for overseas. This date is usually in mid-January next, following final selection by the District.

Where can I go?

Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference – Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland. Preferences are considered,



but can not always be acceded to.

How the selection process works.

Nominations close with Rotary Clubs in mid -February 2009. After your local Rotary Club interviews you and endorses your application, your application forms (4 copies) are forwarded to the D9600 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee together with a \$500.00 application fee.

Applications close with the D9600 Youth Exchange Committee 15th March 2009.

Selection weekend is held on the 23rd and 24th March 2009 at Camp Warrawee, Joiner (near Petrie).

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

16th to 17th August 2009.

5th to 6th December 2009

Students are also required to go on the Sunshine Safari from 7th to 12th December 2009.

If you're ready for a challenge then write to:

Rotary District 9600 Youth Exchange Program
PO BOX 1319
BUDERIM QLD 4556
HOME PAGE:- <http://www.youth-exchange.net>

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Rotary Youth Exchange 2010

I am interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and request more information on how to make application and the address of my nearest Rotary Club.

NAME:.....PHONE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

.....POSTCODE:.....

SCHOOL:.....