

A BRAZILIAN MAKES HER FIRST SNOWMAN
IN FINLAND

A SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS EATING WITH
CHOPSTICKS AT HIS JAPANESE HOSTS' HOME

AN AUSTRALIAN BECOMES PART OF AN
EXTENDED FAMILY IN RUSSIA

A MEXICAN IN FRANCE RAISES FUNDS TO
BENEFIT HOMELESS CHILDREN IN HAITI.

A FINNISH GIRL RIDES A ROLLER COASTER
IN LAS VEGAS

NEW EXPERIENCES, NEW "FAMILIES" AND
FRIENDS, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR
SERVICE MAY AWAIT YOU, TOO.



Are you ready to . . .

- *Form international friendships*
- *Learn new ways to communicate*
- *Gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others*
- *Immerse yourself in a different culture*
- *Learn others' ways of doing things*
- *Act as an ambassador for and educate others about your country?*

****HAVE A LOT OF FUN!?!?!****

**Then you are ready for
Rotary Youth Exchange!**



Rotary District 5450 Youth Exchange Program



**Rocky Mountain
Rotary Youth Exchange**
www.rye5450.org
or your local Rotary Club
The experience of a lifetime!





This year, about 7,000 young people will see the world the way it is meant to be seen — from the inside out — through a Rotary Youth Exchange program. This could be your year!

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you will spend a year living with a host family 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. But there's more. 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 — and you will be making some good friends in the process.

If you are ready for the challenge — and the rewards — of living in another land as an exchange student, then you are ready to discover new worlds through a Rotary YouthExchange program.



What is Rotary?

Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. Members representing a cross section of the community's business and professional leaders meet weekly in clubs that are nonpolitical and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. With "Service Above Self" as their motto, Rotary clubs provide service in the community, workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and build goodwill and peace through programs like Youth Exchange.

Rotary Youth Exchange is administered by Rotary clubs and districts. With more than 29,500 clubs worldwide, an extensive network of volunteers is ready to ensure the necessary support for the program. Rotary clubs have sponsored successful international youth exchanges for more than 30 years.

Who is eligible?

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to qualified students ages 15-19, relatives of Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who demonstrate leadership in their community. Candidates should also possess qualities which will enable them to become excellent cultural ambassadors, such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things. All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and complete a written application and oral interview. You can get more information at www.rye5450.org

How much will it cost?

This varies based on the country you visit as plane fares, exchange rates and other cost vary. Typically, the student and his/her parents or guardians are responsible for:

1. Round-trip airfare to the host country.
2. Health and accident insurance acceptable to the host club and district.
3. All travel documents, such as passports and visas.
4. Clothing and spending money.
5. An emergency fund for your use during the year.



What are my responsibilities?

1. Agree to abide by all program rules of your host Rotary club and district.
2. Accept the supervision of the host district, host club, and host family.
3. Act as an ambassador of your own country.
4. Be open to new experiences and cultural differences.
5. Have a good time!

Where will I go?

Youth Exchanges may take place wherever Rotary clubs exist. However, not every district offers the same countries, check with your local Rotary club on which countries are available. Wherever you go, you will discover that the world is smaller than you once thought, and that you can gain a great deal from the unique experience of being a Rotary Youth Exchange participant.

Are there shorter programs?

Yes! In addition to the year long exchange, there is also a summer exchange program and the new generations exchange program. Please visit our website for more information or to apply!

What past participants have to say:

"Nothing has made a greater difference in my life than participating in this program"—A U.S. Student to Brazil

"Rotary Youth Exchange is a step above any other program because of the thorough orientation, loving host families, and the support of two entire Rotary clubs, at home and in our host country." — A U.S. exchange student to Japan

"This program opened my eyes to a whole new world"—A Finnish Student to South Africa

"I would recommend this experience to anyone . . . It makes a world of difference." — An English exchange student to Peru

I want more info!

Contact your local Rotary club for details or log onto www.rye5450.org for more information!