The Youth Exchange Scholarship

provided by your local Rotary Club

Valued at over $24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

- TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ROTARY PARTNERS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BE AGES 15-18 ½ AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE.

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Questions? Contact District 6600 RYE Chair

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www.studyabroadscholarships.org

Minimum Requirements:

- For Ages 15 and 18½ before the time of departure.
- Generally in the upper 1/3 of their class (but may make an exception for outstanding candidates in the upper ½ of the class).
- Apply online. This is further explained in the "How to Apply" section on pg 3.
- Acceptance and Sponsorship by Rotary Club, District 6600, and O-E Rotary Multi-district Exchange Programs.
- Application must be accepted and hosted by foreign Rotary District, Club, School, and Government.
- Participate in all orientation and training programs.
- Certain countries require minimum language proficiency or lower maximum age cap requirements.
- Comply with foreign language learning program requirements.
- Compliance with Its Your World Travel requirements and fees.

Long Term Scholarship Includes:

- Hosting by Foreign Rotary Club on a space available condition
- Primary tuition and Placement in School approved by foreign Rotary Club
- Home-stay accommodation including meals with your foreign host family chosen by your host Rotary Club
- Small monetary monthly stipend from hosting Rotary Club
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure (i.e. met at the airport or final destination by a hosting representative)
- 24-hour worldwide emergency assistance throughout the program
- Rotary Blazer, Blazer Emblem, Name badge, Calling Cards, Blazer trading pins, and Rotary back-pack
- Pre-departure and some in-country orientations (but see exception below)
- Local Rotarian Counselor
- Exchange Student Handbook

Costs.:

(Student is responsible for the following costs)

- **$1,500 Fee paid to "Rotary District 6600" with RYE in memo line** at time of District Interview (non-refundable)
- Special Rotary International limited medical and liability insurance policy (about $1,000 +/-)
- Primary (and some foreign country/Rotary required) insurance for Travel and medical, accident, ill health, repatriation, and additional coverage against third party liability
- Airfare/transportation and all additional It's Your World Travel Agency fees
- Passport and visa application fees and travel costs, if required, as applicable
- Personal expenses (e.g., toiletries, clothing, internet, telephone, sport/club fees, activities, miscellaneous)
- School expenses (e.g., uniform/lunches, supplies, bus pass, transport to and from school, school activities)
- Approved free-time travel, pocket money
- Any other item not otherwise specified
- Academic Credit (Consult your state/local Ohio school regulations regarding academic credit)
- Some foreign Rotary required in-country orientations and language schooling/camps at additional expense

How to Apply.:

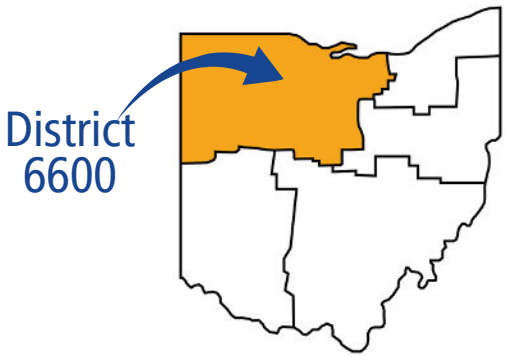
Submit ALL the following documents signed by sponsoring local Rotary Club to District before November in order to be eligible for programs the following academic year:

- Long-Term Application: Navigate to the "Long Term Application" button on the District 6600 RYE webpage (**https://rotarydistrict6600.org/rye/**) and complete the application.
- Host Family Recommendations: Submit application forms for three (3) families within your Ohio sponsoring Rotary Clubs school district(s). Navigate to the "Host Family Application" button on the District 6600 RYE webpage (**https://rotarydistrict.org/rye/**)
- Country Preference Form (This form will be emailed to you at a later date during the online application process)

Additional Information:

Assistance with Applications

Most High Schools have a guidance counselor on the staff who can put you in contact with a Rotary Club in your area. Alternatively, you can go to **https://www.rotary.org** and use the "Club Finder" tool to find a Rotary Club near you. (Rotary District 6600 covers most of northwest Ohio).



If you have trouble with that, we may also be able to help match you with a sponsoring Rotary Club as soon as you open your secure application account, fill in your identification fields, and hit the Submit button. After doing so, you will also be on the District's mailing list for the latest available information regarding the foreign study scholarship programs in this District.

Understanding the Application Process

The application process is a secure online web application. At a later date and as part of the online process, you will be asked to choose and prioritize your prospective country choices. Next year's country choices have not been finalized, but, if you click the the **Country Requirements** button on the District 6600 RYE webpage, it will give you an idea of what countries we have been exchanging with in the recent past.

As part of the application process, we DO NOT require that you provide Hosting Families from your sponsoring Rotary Club's local Ohio school district(s), however we welcome any referrals for Host Families that you have. These Host Family Candidates will need to complete the Host Family Recommendation Form using the button that can be found under the Host Family information on District 6600 RYE webpage. Your own family may be a host family but their hosting is NOT A REQUIREMENT of you submitting an application and it WILL NOT hinder or improve your chance of being selected.

After substantially completing the online application process and having been accepted by your Rotary Club, follow the directions in your web account to upload your fully signed signature pages to your online application. The three signed original Host Family Recommendation forms should be sent to Mary Aufdenkampe, RYE Chairman, 1510 Lexington Drive, Vermilion OH 44089