



District 5790 Youth Exchange, 2016-17 Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has been an integral part of Rotary International since 1974. The program is a means of advancing international understanding and goodwill. Each year more than 8,000 students from 82 countries are involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, making it one of Rotary's largest, most popular and most successful programs. It is also one of the largest high school exchange programs in the world.

The program is open to all young men and women ages 15 to 18 1/2. The students' parents, local Rotary clubs, and the district finance the program. Student selection is based on submission of a written application followed by personal interviews at the club and district levels with the applicant and the applicant's parents.

Our Rotary District has had a youth exchange program since 1985. The program is administered through the local Rotary Clubs with assistance from a District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.

OUTBOUND PROGRAMS: We have two types of Outbound Exchanges:

Long-Term Exchange: The long term (year exchange) covers an entire academic year, during which time the student lives with a host family and attends high school in the host country. This is a full immersion exchange and is highly selective for those students who wish to participate.

Short-Term Summer Exchange: Is primarily a cultural exchange program for three to four weeks during which time the student lives with one host family. The short-term program is a reciprocal exchange. The outbound student is matched with a student of same sex and approximate age. Then that student's family hosts the matched student for a period agreed to between the two families and the outbound student from Texas spends an equal amount of time with that student's family in their country. The two students are together anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks in the summer. The student will not attend high school on this program.

INBOUND PROGRAMS

Long Term Inbound Exchange: International students come to our district and live with two or more host families and attend high school. Interested in being a host family for an inbound student: Interested in becoming a host family? Follow the links to the left, [Host Family Info](#).

Short Term Inbound: As noted above the inbound spends a time agreed to by the families here in our District.

For more information contact the District Rotary Youth Exchange Officer, Norm King at YEO_5790@yahoo.com or 817-781-3327