



# Information for Intending Rotary Youth Exchange Applicants



## Applications for a Youth Exchange beginning in January 2023

The Preliminary Application Form must be submitted to your local Rotary Club located in Rotary District 9705. This Club must agree to sponsor your nomination to the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee. You can find and contact your local Rotary Club by visiting the Rotary District 9705 website: <https://rotary9705.org.au/ClubDirectory>

Alternatively, you can contact the District Youth Exchange Program Chair:

**Ms Rob Uhl** (mobile) **0418 459 049** (email) [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com)



Initial interviews by local Rotary Clubs will be conducted during April. The Rotary Club may pass details of applicants to other Rotary Clubs in the District to maximise chances of selection.

**Applications should be lodged with your local Rotary Club before 14 April 2022.**



### The person

Applicants should be no younger than 15½ and no older than 17½ years as at 31 December in the year before commencing the exchange. The student should be of good character and be able to demonstrate good academic records as well as an understanding of and interest in their community. A good knowledge of Australia and its social and political structures is highly desirable. The ideal Rotary Youth Exchange student will be well presented and well-spoken, a person who is motivated and who motivates others.

The student will be a person with a strong interest in the world and people, who is capable of mixing freely with others of all types, age groups and walks of life. The primary purpose of the exchange is to become a successful ambassador and to bring back to our society the benefits of the foreign culture the student will absorb. The exchange experience will require dedication and perseverance. It is a rewarding experience and considered a launching pad for the rest of the student's life.



As a secondary school student exchange program, our exchange program is designed for those attending high school. Applicants are not to have completed high school at the time of departure. Students are expected to complete their secondary schooling on their return from the exchange program.

### Application procedure

Applicants who are successful in gaining endorsement at the initial interview by their sponsor Rotary Club will be invited (along with their parents) to the selection interviews by the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee on weekend of 18-19 June 2022 in Canberra. This Preliminary Application Form, together with the results of the interviews, will be the basis for selection to the program. The selection process is competitive with the most suitable applicants (in the opinion of the District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee) being offered the available places. Selection is not guaranteed. The successful student will complete a full application form after the selection interviews.



Our program will proceed to place those selected with host Rotary Districts in our partner countries abroad. Meanwhile, students will attend several orientation and training weekends and will be thoroughly prepared for the exchange year with the object of travelling abroad in January 2023 and returning in January 2024.

All applicants must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.

### Places are offered in:

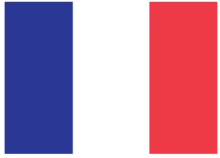
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	Finland	Hungary	Netherlands	Thailand
Canada (Quebec)	France	Italy	Switzerland	USA (Northeastern States)
Denmark	Germany	Japan	Taiwan	



**Please Note:** *Students will NOT necessarily be offered a placement in their country of choice, as places are often limited. You may nominate your preference but may be offered an alternative if successful.*



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## What is involved?

- You will live and study in another country hosted by a local Rotary Club for one year.
- You will become a member of your host families and experience everyday family life in their country during your stay.
- You will be given the opportunity to see something of the host country and experience its culture.
- As an ambassador for Australia, you will teach others something of your culture and way of life (they will be just as interested in your culture as you will be in their culture).
- You will make friendships with Rotarians, host families and people in your age group, which often last a lifetime.
- The application form includes a page to indicate 2 host families (it may be your own family, or it could be relatives or friends). The Rotary Youth Exchange program is based on a reciprocal arrangement with our exchange partners abroad. If we send an Australian student to a partner country, we must receive a student from the partnering country.
- To ease the burden on Rotary Clubs and their members we encourage your family and other families that you may nominate to enjoy the benefits of hosting an Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student either while you are on your exchange or on your return. The duration is normally between 3 and 4 months.



## Working with Children Check

Household members aged 18 years and over will need to hold either a Working with Children Check (NSW) or Working with Vulnerable People card (ACT) and complete a Rotary Volunteer Information and Declaration Form.

These are required for child protection purposes, as per the District Youth Protection Policy.

## Support

A student who is accepted into the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program becomes a member of the worldwide Rotary family. You can count on the support of the millions of Rotarians around the world.

You will be sponsored by a local Australian Rotary Club, who will appoint a counsellor, who will be in regular contact with you and monitor the exchange. Our program will arrange your briefing and preparation and will appoint a coordinator, who will be in touch with you and the host Rotary District throughout your exchange.

Your host Rotary Club will appoint a counsellor, who will be in constant contact with you during your stay and will be your guide and guardian. The counsellor will be your first point of contact should you experience any problems and will be responsible for your wellbeing.

All Rotary Districts, Clubs and Rotarians must comply with Rotary International's Youth Protection Policy.

A copy of the Youth Protection Policy is available on the Rotary District 9705 website:

<https://rotary9705.org.au/page/9705-youth-protection>





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## Cost

There is no general cover-all fee to experience a Rotary Youth Exchange. The Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program will charge a standard fee to all students, which includes airfares, insurance, visa application fees, the cost of orientation camps and several other items. This fee will be set after fare negotiations with airlines.

Other costs over the year include pocket money, clothing, photography costs and group tours. In some countries, students must pay for a compulsory language and orientation camp on arrival. The hosting Rotary Club provides board and lodging with host families, school costs (including a uniform) and a monthly allowance roughly equal to AUD\$130 per month.

Indications from parents of returned students are that the overall cost for the year is around AUD\$13,000 to AUD\$16,000. Costs can vary greatly with the student, family and country of exchange. When considering the costs, parents should take into account the cost of maintaining the student if they remained at home and attended school in Australia.



## Financial Support

A Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Support Fund is designed to assist applicants from low socio-economic and/or other disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in an exchange. Financial Support is not paid directly to the successful applicant but is awarded as a reduction in the program fee. Assistance will range from \$3000 to full support dependant on the circumstances of the individual applicant.

The application process for assistance will run parallel to the application process for the program. It is important that if you intend to apply for any assistance that you also submit an application for a place in the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program.



All information provided in the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Financial Support Application Form will be kept strictly confidential. The support application form will only be distributed to the Rotary District 9705 Finance Committee involved in the support assessment process. Our program will not use the information in the application form in the selection of students for a place in the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program. The student still has to meet the selection guidelines on their own merit.



## Who is eligible?

To be eligible for a Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Support, you must meet the application requirements of the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program and satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

1. Your parent/guardian receives one or more Centrelink income and asset-tested support payment.
2. Your parent/guardian(s) are receiving the Family Tax Benefit Part A.
3. You are experiencing financial hardship or another form of disadvantage that negatively impacts your ability to participate.

Applicants may be asked to provide supporting documentation. The Support Funding selection committee will only award support to an applicant that our program has selected for a place in the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program.



## How to apply

To apply for a Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Support Fund, you must complete a separate application form. Please contact Ms Rob Uhl, the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Chair, to submit an application.





# Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Program Preliminary Application

Attach your head  
and shoulders  
photograph here

## Photographs

Attach a recent  
good quality head  
and shoulders  
photograph above.  
The photograph  
should be colour  
and show you  
smiling, with little  
or no surround.

To: Youth Exchange Officer Rotary Club of:

*[to be completed by applicant]*

Applicant's Name

Gender:  
(Male/Female/Non-binary)

Address

Postcode

Home Telephone

Mobile Phone Number

Your Email

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Citizen of (Country)

## Parents or Legal Guardians

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Address

Address

Family Email:

Telephone

Telephone

Occupation

Occupation

## Brothers and Sisters Names

Gender

1.

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4.

Age

1.

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Occupation

1.

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3.

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Living at Home

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Do you have relatives living overseas? If so where

Relation (Grandparents, Aunt, Cousin etc.)

## Parental Obligation

We, the parents of the above named applicant, understand that we will be responsible to meet the obligations of the Youth Exchange Program as outlined in the information sheet accompanying this initial application form.

Date

Signed

*[mother]*

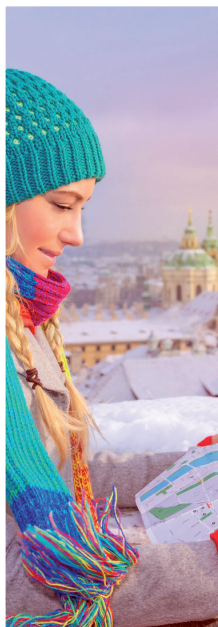
and

*[father]*

Once completed  
please submit it to  
the Rotary Club  
nearest to your home  
or school address,  
before 14 April 2022



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## Applicant's Personal background

How much time do you devote to studies? (homework etc.)

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Name and address of your school

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When will you finish high school/college?

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After how many years in high school/college?

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What languages have you studied and for how long? Are you able to speak and read those languages, and how well?

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**Note:** A proficiency in a 'second' language does not ensure priority placement, as the program encourages the challenge of a new culture as opposed to a language 'finishing course'.

What other information can you give to enable a better assessment to be made of your potential as an 'Ambassador' for your country (achievements, awards, talents, etc.)

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Why do you think you would make a good exchange student?

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Do you smoke? Yes/No Do you drink alcoholic beverages? Yes/No. Have you ever been involved with drugs? Yes/No.  
Do you have a steady boy/girlfriend? Yes/No. How often do you go out together?

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What responsibilities and activities have you had at school and within the community? (Clubs, offices, etc.)

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Sporting and cultural activities (describing degree of ability in each)

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List the countries where you would like to experience a Rotary Youth Exchange (in order of preference)

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Have you travelled overseas before?

Yes/No

Where/When?

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Do you have any dietary restrictions or pre-existing medical conditions? Yes/No (if Yes, explain)

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Date

Signature

*[applicant]*

## Need More Information?

Visit the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange website: <https://9705.ryea.org.au>

You can also email the Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Chair, Ms Rob Uhl: [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com)

## How did you become aware of our Rotary Youth Exchange program?

- ☐ Rotary Youth Exchange Australia (RYEA) website
- ☐ Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange website
- ☐ Our Facebook Page
- ☐ Your school
- ☐ Your local Rotary Club
- ☐ Other: (please indicate)

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## Submission to become a host family in support of the outbound student

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is reciprocal. This means that when we send your child abroad we are required to host an Inbound student. Local Rotary Clubs rely on having host families who can be part of an Inbound student's experience for their year on exchange. Applicants for an OUTBOUND exchange are asked to build on our database by nominating at least two families who are prepared to host. This can be your own family, or some other family that you know and have spoken to who are prepared to host. We can provide you with the Host Family Guidelines booklet. The families that you nominate must be located in the same locality to the Inbound student and within our Rotary District.

**Student Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Host Family 1

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Most suitable hosting period (Please circle one or two)

**July – Sept / Oct – Jan / Feb – April / May – July**

### Host Family 2

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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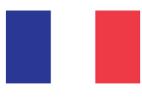
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**The Rotary Club of:**

Has interviewed this student, and supports their nomination to the District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee for consideration as an exchange student.

Please transfer **AUD\$130** to **The Rotary District 9705 Youth Exchange Committee's** bank account in support of the application.  
**BSB: 112-908 Account number: 0425704089**

**Club Youth Exchange Officer:**

**Signature of Club Officer:**

**Email address of Club Officer:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Send completed and endorsed application to:**

Rotary District 9705 YEP Committee, 77 Throsby Street, Moss Vale, NSW 2577

**Or scan application and email to:** [rob.uhl@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.uhl@bigpond.com) before 14 April 2022.

Late applications may be accepted - please contact the Chair to confirm.

**Notes/Comments:**

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