



Rotary District 5110 Youth Exchange 2020-21 FAQS for Students

What is the program?

Long-Term Exchange is for a school year (typically plus a couple of weeks either side of the term). The student is hosted and supervised by a Rotary club, stays with at least two families, and must go to school while abroad. For ages 15 to 18 1/2.

Who is eligible?

Students must have good grades, demonstrate good citizenship and be going on exchange for the right reasons and with the right expectations. They must be endorsed by their parents and their local Rotary club, and they must complete the Rotary Youth Exchange training for their experience.

What countries are available?

Our current countries are Argentina/Paraguay, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and Thailand. These will occasionally change. We ask the students for their preferences and match them when possible, but we make the final assignments based on our experience and knowledge of cultures and situations.

What are the costs?

For 2020-21 Long-term Exchange, the fee is \$6,700 (subject to change), with a possible surcharge of up to \$200 if airfares exceed budget. The fee covers round-trip airfare from Portland, visa costs, insurance and official blazer and hoodie, a badge, lapel pins for trading, and training. Students who fly from another airport to Portland must pay for that leg of the trip, both going and returning. Students should plan on personal expenses of at least \$100 per month, but every student and every country is different. Most countries offer optional trips that are outside the base fee, and range from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

How do I apply?

To be accepted into the exchange program, you must be sponsored by a local Rotary club. There are two local clubs that would like to sponsor you.

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