

District 7255 Youth Exchange Program

Rotary



- *Provides wonderful opportunities for students to learn about another culture firsthand.*
- *Students will live with host families in a country of their choice under the sponsorship of their local Rotary Club.*

What is ESSEX

- Eastern State Student Exchange
- Comprised of Rotary Clubs on the Eastern Seaboard that organize Rotary Exchange Programs
- Processes our YE applications & match our outbound students to countries
- Monitor all specifications to assure compliance of YEP State Mandates
- www.exchangestudent.org

Rotary District 7255 Offers Two Exchange Programs

Short-Term Exchange Program

- A cultural exchange, no school attendance required
- A reciprocal family to family exchange done in the summer time. Maximum 3 weeks each way
- Age requirement of 15 ½ to 18 ½ years of age
- Student is matched with a student in the country of their choice
- All families are vetted in compliance with our state department

Short Term Program Cost

- Application Fee - **\$100**
- Required Insurance Fee - **\$76**
- Administrative Costs to ESSEX - **\$125**
- Cost of Airfare
- Cost of Souvenirs

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Long Term Exchange

- School attendance is required
- Age requirement of 15 ½ to 18 ½ years of age
- Length of stay abroad is 10-11 months
- Student will be hosted by 3 host families
- All inbound host families must be vetted in compliance with our state department

Long Term Cost

- Application Fee - **\$300**
- Required Insurance - **\$800 +** (varies with each insurance plan and requirements of the country student is exchanging to)
- District Training and Administrative Costs - **\$1300**
- Cost of Airfare – approximately **\$600 +** (varies per country of destination)
- Total Cost – approximately **\$3000 +** (varies per country of destination)

Clubs
Responsibilities
SPONSORING
an Outbound
Youth Exchange
Students

- Vetted Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) - Club Member
- Pre-Interview potential Outbound Student
- Sign Outbound Student Application
- Invite Outbound Student & Family to Meetings

Clubs Responsibilities HOSTING Inbound Youth Exchange Students

- Vetted Youth Exchange Officer (YEO)
- Vetted Youth Exchange Student Counselor
- Provide monthly allowance to Inbound Student (\$100 or more)
- Secure 3 vetted Host Families & 1 vetted emergency Host Family
- Invite Inbound Student to Club Meetings
- Invite Inbound Student to participate in Club activities & events
- Arrange local sight seeing outings for Inbound Student
- Invite Inbound Student to family events, outings etc.

State Mandated Laws & Regulations Youth Exchange Programs

- Vetted Youth Exchange District Committee
- Vetted Club Youth Exchange Officer (YEO)
- Vetted Club Youth Exchange Student Counselor
- Vetted Host Families
- Monthly Online Reporting by Counselor
- Trainings & Orientations of Counselors, YEO's, District YEP Committee & Host Families
- Trainings & Orientations of ALL YEP outbound & inbound students
- All information inputted into the YEP Data Base

What Is ROTEX? How Can your Club Help?

- ROTEX is Youth Exchange Alumni
- ROTEX members mentor new exchange students to ensure that they have the most successful exchange possible
- ROTEX members are involved both virtually and in person
- District 7255 has developed a great ROTEX program and is looking to expand its membership
- We ask you to refer interested youth exchange alumni to our website www.rotaryexchange.org

Rotary Youth Exchange and COVID-19

- **All vetted volunteers, host families (age required), inbound and outbound students must be completely vaccinated for Covid and show proof of vaccination.**
- **If student attends club meetings & events all current CDC recommendations must be followed.**
- **We are monitoring the pandemic and will not send a student out on exchange if it is not safe.**

How Can Your Club Promote Youth Exchange?

- Contact YEP chairs for flyers and other tools to use during presentations
- Speak about the program at your local Interact Club and Foreign Language classes in the high school
- Ask your local HS to add our youth exchange website, rotaryexchange.org, to their school website
- Give a Youth Exchange presentation to the PTA
- Promote the program on your clubs Social Media pages
- Tell your family, friends & colleagues about the program



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For More Info

www.rotaryexchange.org

Thank you!