

Rotary District 7255 Youth Exchange Program presents opportunities for applicants to advance their knowledge of world understanding by allowing them to exchange in a different country. Participants will live with host families in their selected land under the sponsorship of their local Rotary Club. We accept applications from students living in Suffolk, Nassau, Queens & Brooklyn. We offer two exchange programs as outlined below.

Short Term Exchange Program Overview: 3-6 weeks family to family exchange, 15 ½ to 18 ½ years of age.

- Student Exchanges to a family in the country of their choice and they return with the Host Brother/Sister of the exchange family to reciprocate hosting them in our country.
- Length of time depends on each family involved and what country the Exchange is made to, maximum 3 weeks each way.
- Typically travel with the Host Family within their means and schedules.
- By Rotary and US State Department Regulations, all families are vetted.
- No school attendance involved.

Short Term Cost: Application fee (\$100), Required Insurance (\$76), Administrative costs of processing the application, including ESSEX fees (\$125) plus the cost of airfare to the country of choice (this will defer with each Student's country choice)

Long Term Exchange Program Overview: 10-11 months, attends High School abroad, 15 ½ to 18 ½ years of age.

- Total immersion program to learn the language and culture of the country exchanging to.
- 1-3 Host Families during the Exchange year.
- Typically travel programs within the Host District available and any other travel with the Host Family within their means.
- Students are required to attend school during their Exchange, which also facilitates in learning the Culture & Language.
- Families hosting Inbound foreign exchange students are vetted as required by Rotary & US State Department Regulations.

Long Term Cost: Application fee (\$300), Required Insurance (\$800+) (this will vary with each insurance plan and the requirements of the country the Student is exchanging to), Training and Administrative Costs (\$1300), plus the cost of airfare to the country of choice. (Approximately \$3000+) this will vary per country of destination