# rotary youth exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to broaden their education and world understanding by letting them live with Host Families and attend High School in a foreign country.

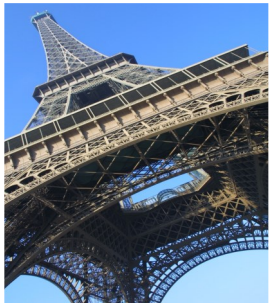
As a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, you will spend an academic year (long term program), or just three or four weeks (short term program) with a Host Family in a country other than your own. You will learn a new language; you will learn a new way of living and a great deal about yourself. While you are learning, the people you meet will be learning about your country, your culture and your ideas.

**YOU** will be helping to bring the world closer together and making friends that last a lifetime.

## Need-Based Scholarships are Available!

## Long Term (Full Year) Exchange

- The Hosting Rotary Club usually provides a monthly allowance of approximately $125 US dollars. The Host Family provides the food and lodging.
- You are responsible for your airline ticket, visa and passports fees, application ($450) and insurance costs (up to $1,000.00), emergency fund of $300.00 (to be replenished throughout the year as used), plus the cost of any additional travel or group trip that may be available during your exchange and additional spending money, etc.
- Your family agrees to personally host or assist in identifying an acceptable alternate host family for a student from another country for up to six months during your year abroad.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club in District 7450. The local club interviews the applicant and then sends the application to the District Youth Exchange Committee to schedule a District interview.
- Interviews are held October and November for the following year.



## Short Term (4-6 Weeks) Exchange

- The short term program last approximately four weeks.
- The U.S. student's family hosts a foreign student, then the U.S. Student is hosted by the foreign student's family.
- During the exchange the student is not permitted to have a summer job.
- Cost of travel, application fee ($65), international health insurance policy ($200) clothing and personal expenses are the responsibility of the participating students and their families.
- ESSEX arranges the exchange. You are responsible for arranging your travel plans in conjunction with the partner family, as dates of departure and arrival vary from country to country.

## Yes - I am Interested!! Now What??

Contact us and express your interest, tell us where you go to high school, your grade, your date of birth and whether you are interested in the short or long term program.

Applications are accepted for the long term program between September and January You will be connected to a local Rotary Club and will be expected to attend a meeting. You will be asked to complete the first part of the application. We will meet with you and a parent. By January, you should know what country you will be going to!