



# Being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student,....

## *the Greatest Experience of your Life!!*

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2010, you'll spend a year living with a host family in another country, learning a new language; a new way of living – and a great deal about yourself.

You will be a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together – and making some good friends in the process.

While you're busy learning, the people you meet will be learning – about your country, your culture, and your ideas.

### What does the Program cost?

The Rotary District 9550 package costs each family \$8, 000 + fuel surcharge, which is paid in instalments. The first instalment is a \$500 application fee, \$1, 750 acceptance fee and three equal instalments are required on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. The fuel surcharge is paid separately.

A family usually spends a further \$15, 000 – \$18, 000 over the year of exchange of the student, the major expenses being host country safari and clothing. (Compare this to what it would cost to maintain your son / daughter at home for the year – the difference is not that great).

### The Program provides the following:-

1. Airfare from Australia to your host country.
2. Transport to Australian departure point.
3. 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
4. Comprehensive travel and health insurance.
5. Administration and support service for your year away.
6. Selection weekend.
7. Orientation weekend, briefing, accommodation, meals and barbecue.
8. Uniform, badges, business cards and presentation video of your region.
9. Visas.
10. Subscription to RIO Student Magazine.

### What doesn't the program cost include?

1. Spending money (apart from the monthly allowance).
2. Bus tour organised by host country.
3. Special clothing.
4. Departure Tax on return.
5. Gifts, souvenirs, postage.



- Age between 16 and 18 years (having completed Grade 12 at the end of 2009).
- Academic record.
- Maturity and strength of character.
- Degree of adaptability.
- Participation in community activities.
- Family relationships.
- Ability to communicate well with people.
- Personality.
- Knowledge of foreign language.

Students who are not in the top 30% of their class should not apply, unless their school Principal considers he/she possesses outstanding qualifications in other spheres. Age limits may vary from District to District. Generally students, who have just completed year 12, must have turned 16 but not have turned 19 on or before the day of proposed departure for overseas. This date is usually in mid January next, following final selection by the District.

### Where can I go?

Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference – Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Peru, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.

### How the selection process works.

After your local rotary Club interviews you and endorses your application, your application forms (4 copies) are forwarded to the D9550 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee together with a \$500.00 application fee.

Nominations close with Rotary Clubs in mid February 2009. Applications close with the D9550 Youth Exchange Committee March 2009.

*Dates for Selection and Orientation Weekend are to be finalised; as a Guide the following information is provided.*

*Selection Weekend 16th, - 18th April 2009 in Townsville.*

*If selected, the student and a parent are to attend the Orientation Weekend 2nd to 4th October 2009.*

***If you're ready for a challenge complete the attachment and forward to:-***



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## Rotary Youth Exchange 2010



I am interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and request more information on how to make application and the address of my nearest Rotary Club.

Name:..... Phone:.....

Email: .....

Address:..... Post Code:.....

School:.....