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# STEP Youth Exchange

The "short-term" program is for 3-5 weeks of living in another country, where you will be hosted by a Rotary District and Rotary Club, and live with a family in the nation you are visiting. **All short-term exchanges are reciprocal.** Each student hosts the same student who hosted him/her.

**Where will I go?** Rotary District 6110 has recently placed short-term students in Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Peru, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. We are always exploring opportunities to exchange with other countries. Our new short term program will be exploring reciprocal exchanges with these countries and others which are of interest to short term outbound summer exchange students who live within the boundaries of District 6110 (The four corners of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma).



Allie in Italy

## Overseas Adventure, Learning ... YOU?

### What is in it for the student?

A new maturity, typically reaching the "emotional age" of someone in his or her mid-20s; A new confidence in oneself and a new personal world-view; Proficiency in a second language; CLEP out of 8-28 credit hours of college language (a college tuition savings worth \$1600-\$5600, approximately!); World-wide networking! Rotarians are professional people, owners or senior managers, in business or government - Rotary Exchange Students develop life-long relationships with influential people in the region of the country they visit; a major advantage as a

natural recruit for an international company; the opportunity to serve by promoting PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING - our main goal!

### Who Benefits?

- The student,
- The parents sending the student abroad,
- the Host Parents,
- The Host Club,
- the sponsoring country,
- the hosting country,
- The people who meet the student abroad,
- The people who meet the student after he or she returns home.



Kaisa (Finland) and Emily (Lamar)



Chase in France



2003 STEP'ers

## What's it cost?

There is an **application fee of \$50**, which is non-refundable in the event of a student cancelling the exchange. The fixed fee portion of the cost, which includes everything but airfare and passport fees (administrative costs, insurance, orientation, business cards) is **\$350**. The average cost of **airfare** for last year's exchanges was less than \$2000. The two flat fee installments are due on March 16 and April 15<sup>th</sup>. The student is responsible for acquiring his/her own passport (& visa, if required) and any related costs. Proof of passport and travel documentation will be required by April 30<sup>th</sup>



Blake in Germany

### What do Host Families Provide?

Family Atmosphere and Room; Food; Travel (Family Vacations); and Transportation to & from Activities

Note: You do not have to be a Rotarian family in order to be a host family. [This program is open to Rotarian and non-Rotarian families alike.](#)

### What do Host Countries Provide?

Youth Exchange Program Administration at the student's destination. If the student has any problems which the host parents can't resolve, they can go to the host Rotary Club Youth Exchange Officer or President for help; Meals at Rotary Club meetings attended; Interaction with Rotary Club members and their families

### Who Pays?

The short-term outbound student's parents pay for all expenses other than housing and meals, which are provided by the host family in the destination country. The parents will then be providing housing and meals for the inbound reciprocal exchangee. [Go to https://www.6110studyabroad.com/about-short-term-exchange](https://www.6110studyabroad.com/about-short-term-exchange) to learn more about hosting your reciprocal short term inbound

### What are the restrictions?

Be between the ages of 15 and 18.5 when school begins in your host country; be a good ambassador; adhere to the rules of Rotary Youth Exchange, some of which are: no drinking of alcoholic beverages, no Driving, no "steady" dating, and no use of illegal or non-prescribed drugs.

### What is the time line?

- Submit applications
- Club-level Interviews (by appointment)
- District Interview—Feb
- Departure—May - August (as arranged with overseas host family)
- Return—May -August (as arranged with overseas host family)

We have found that students with **many of the following traits may be good candidates** for the summer exchange program:

- Demonstrated interest in things international, through language classes, pen pals, cultural studies, foreign travel, and/or hosting inbound students.
- Mutual desire of parents and the student to participate in an exchange.
- Ease of making new friends with both adults and students.
- Politeness, pleasantness, and a confident smile.
- Flexibility to adapt to new and changing environments.
- Comfortable traveling away from home for 4 weeks or more.
- Participation in some monthly Rotary meetings held for inbound exchange students.
- Student overall grade point of 3.0 or above (not mandatory, but a good sign of dedication and discipline).
- Ability to make presentations to sponsoring Rotary Clubs here and abroad.
- A sense of humor and a positive and enthusiastic outlook.
- A firm commitment to the STEP program with minimal time and work conflicts.
- A student's work schedule should not interfere with entertaining your host brother or sister.

## Are You Ready for the ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?



Troy (Fayetteville), Inigg (Spain,) Sergio (Spain), Brian (Fayetteville)

### How do I apply?

Go to:

<https://www.6110studyabroad.com/forms>

Find our online interactive application, type in your personal information, and print out the copy. We need 2 copies of your completed application -- all must have **ORIGINAL** signatures in **BLUE** ink.

You also need to download & fill out the country preference form; please complete three copies of this form.



How can I meet and talk with some exchange students? [send an e-mail message to me at yume@a226.com](mailto:yume@a226.com) or text me at 479-283-2924



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