

Youth Exchange Presentation Outline

The goal is to create enough interest to be thinking about the exchange program over Summer

Introduction: Self, & Committee

What is Rotary? Make this very brief

Over 1 million business and professional leaders in 150 countries

Stress Rotary's goal of advancing peace through International understanding, and good will.

Introduce any inbound or rebound students present:

Youth Exchange Scholarship (provided by your local Rotary Club)

Full Ride Scholarship:

- Room & Board
- School Tuition & Books
- Monthly Stipend

A value of over \$24,000

Fees assessed to Student (one price administration fee) Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare
- Medical, travel & liability insurance
- Passport & Visa and other immigration fees
- Various Identification materials
- Mandatory language camps in some exchange countries
- Program Administration costs including:
 - Two Outbound Orientation Weekends (parents included)
 - Winter Trip (Revelstoke) to Canada with inbounds students
 - Rebound Debriefing Weekend (parents included)
 - Training and support by Youth Exchange volunteers

Total fees assessed to Student @ \$7,000

Overview of program:

Eligibility: Must be 15 – 18 at time of departure
Not graduated at time of departure
Above average grades
Extracurricular and community participation

Countries : **Will be able to Choose 6. No guarantee. Need to be flexible**

Exchange Timeline:

Student Info meeting in September
Student / Parent Info meeting in September
Student / Parent Interviews in October
District interviews in November
Leave on Exchange August 2020

Handout Material:

Scholarship Brochure # 1
Promotional Link Handout.

Questions and Answers: Directed at Committee Panel. Should be prepared to address questions that relate to those issues found in the following “Considerations” section.

Proceed to below only if time allows:

Considerations: If the issues herein are not brought up by the attendees, than a committee member should broach these subjects before the end of the meeting.

Flexibility

Be prepared to take steps to rearrange your schedule so as not to lose a year.

Benefits

Language competence translates into increased wages
Possible future employment in global marketplace
Rub shoulders with Rotarians who are connected leaders in community and world
Self confidence
College competitiveness
Cultural and political insights
New friends around the world
Fun

Possible Objections to going abroad

- Language Concerns: Language courses here & camps abroad. Students with no language skill and those with much exposure are about even in language ability 3-4 Months into the Exchange.
- Fear of being out of synch with your class - *A global perspective, college competitiveness and high level career opportunities more than make up for this. (Point out that with good planning, that year may not need to be made up.) (Steve should address this)*
- Not wanting to be away from friends - *A year after graduating, you will have lost contact with most of your friends. A year abroad will gain you international friends that will last a lifetime.*
- Being without Americana and its culture, music, movies and clothes – *A good trade off is: Gaining self confidence, a global perspective, language competence, college competitiveness, high-level career opportunities, broad education, political insights, new friends, while having the time of your life is a good trade-off.*