**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE FACT SHEET**

**Recruiting students to study abroad for the 2023-24 academic year.**

What is Rotary Youth Exchange program (RYE)? A study abroad program giving high school students and graduating seniors the opportunity to a full academic year overseas, discover a new culture, and embrace their roles as global citizens. Over 10,000 students from 100 different countries participate in Rotary-sponsored exchanges each year.

If you’re a southwest or central Missouri teen who is motivated and ready for adventure, we invite you to apply for the life-changing experience that is Rotary Youth Exchange! You attend a local high school and live with host families.

Exchange countries: Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, India, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium – and other countries may be selected.

You must be between ages 15 ½ – 18 ½ on August 1, 2023 – when you leave for your study abroad year. Local Rotary Club and District interviews will select students for the 2023-24 Outbound Class. Three orientations session are required.

Cost: $1650 fee to Rotary District pays for orientation and program support. Student pays for passport and visa, travel, insurance – approx. $5000-$7000. Scholarships are available.

The local Rotary Club provides support and underwrites most of the living and school expenses.

**DEADLINE for Online Preliminary Application: October 15, 2022**

**Local Rotary Club Interview take place between October 17 – October 31, 2022**

**District interviews: November 19, 2022 (location to be determined)**

## Additional info and online application: https://rotaryyouthexchange6080.org

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