**Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange**

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is an amazing learning opportunity. The local program is open to students ages 15 to 19 who live or attend school in Rotary District 7360, which includes 65 clubs and more than 2,000 members in central PA, Western MD and Eastern WV



*Youth Exchange Students become part of their host Families*.

The Rotary District Youth Exchange

Program involves a highly competitive application process. The application and information are available online at <http://www.exchangestudent.org/APShortTerm.cfm>

Students will need to devote time and effort to ensure their application best reflects their accomplishments. Students are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and interviews are held at the local Rotary Club level. Selected candidates are then recommended for District level interviews. Application dates vary as do deadlines for fees. For more information and for application deadlines, Visit the website at [www.exchangestudent.org/short](http://www.exchangestudent.org/short)term

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*Another beautiful day in Stresa Italy, with Lago (Lake) Maggiore and Isola (Island) Bella in the background.*

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***Where could you be this summer?***

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***Italy, Brazil, Spain,***

***Germany, Hungary, Sweden or South Africa (for example)***

**Rotary Youth Exchange District 7360**

***A member of ESSEX Multi-District***

[www.rotarydistrict7360.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7360.org)

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(570-412-3369)**Where will you be this summer?**

Paddling Lake Como in Italy or exploring the coast of Spain?? Or perhaps touring the Black Forest in Germany or visiting Copenhagen in Denmark? These adventures and others await students who participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, which typically runs late June through mid-August.

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*While on a youth exchange, U.S. students will discover what it is like to live in a foreign country.*

**Youth Exchanges vary**

Youth Exchanges vary in length, group size and theme, depending on the host country and the structure of the exchange. For example, outbound students from the USA will stay abroad for three to four weeks with their host families. Foreign students then return with U.S. students. Each part of the exchange will last about three to four weeks during the summer.

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*“This trip was amazing. It forced me to get out of my comfort zone, helped me with public speaking, and most importantly, helped me understand a different culture.”*

**Summer Program**

Past Rotary Youth Exchange programs included travels to Germany’s Black Forest region, northern Italy’s Lake District, Latvia (eastern shore of the Baltic Sea), Austria, Denmark, Sweden and Spain. Countries vary from year to year. Students from the U.S. will stay with host families.

*During youth exchanges, students learn about other cultures and customs. There is also time to have fun with students they meet in the host country. (France Exchange 2019)*

*“The Rotary Exchange program in France was an awesome opportunity to experience a different culture, customs, absolutely beautiful scenery, and memories and friendships to last a lifetime.” —France Youth Exchange*

**Costs vary depending on destination**

Basic food and lodging expenses are provided. Students are responsible for program fees, airfare and medical insurance, which can range from $1,500 to $2,000 depending on the destination, and any additional entertainment and emergency funding based on their parents’ discretion. In previous years, an allowance of $200 to $500 has been sufficient.

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*Exchange students develop friendships with their host families. These friendships can span continents and last a lifetime.*

**Potential Exchange Countries for 2023:**

Austria Argentina Belgium Brazil Canada Colombia

Czech Republic Denmark

Ecuador Finland France

Germany Hungary India Italy Japan Mexico

Poland Spain South Africa Sweden Switzerland Taiwan

The Netherlands Turkey Venezuela