



DISTRICT 9685 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BASIS FOR RYEP

Why do we do it?

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is an educational exchange conducted by Rotary on behalf of the NSW Department of Education & Communities in conjunction with the Education Authority in the exchange country.

The Entry Visa to the Host Country is a **Student Visa** and satisfactory attendance and participation at school is a condition of the visa.

Rotary Youth Exchange is respected all over the world as one of the best and most prestigious programs available to students – *IT IS THE GOLD STANDARD.*

OBJECTIVES OF THE RYEP

This is why!

To further International goodwill and understanding by enabling students to immerse themselves in the culture and language of another culture.

To enable students to further their education by studying in an environment entirely different to their own and by undertaking study of courses and subjects not normally available to them in secondary schools in their own country.

To broaden the student's own outlook by learning to live with and meet people of cultures, creeds and colours different to their own, and by having to cope with day to day problems in an environment completely different to the one they have experienced at home.

To act as ambassadors for their own country by addressing Rotary Clubs, community organisations and youth groups in their host country and by imparting as much knowledge as they can of their own country and its culture to the people they meet during their year abroad.

To study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted so that on return to their home country they can pass on the knowledge they have gained by addressing Rotary Clubs, youth groups and community organisations.

To promote peace and goodwill between citizens of the world, starting with our youth to create understanding and tolerance between cultures worldwide.

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YOUTH EXCHANGE CLUB INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

STUDENT QUESTIONS

5 Excellent Answer – 4 Good Answer – 3 Acceptable Answer -2-Answered - 1 No Answer

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE OF INTERVIEW _____ ROTARY CLUB _____

ABOUT BEING A YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
What activities do you participate in outside of school?		
Why did you apply to become a Youth Exchange student?		
What do you think is the most important thing about representing your community and country abroad?		
What is your favorite subject in school? Why?		
Do you think that you will get homesick? If so, how will you handle it?		
	Total Score	

INTERVIEWER THIS SECTION _____

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STUDENT PERSONALITY

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
What are the inherent personal qualities that make you stand out?		
Give an example of a personal weakness. How do you think that this will affect you on your exchange?		
If someone asked you to do something that you did not think was appropriate, how would you handle the situation?		
Describe your greatest accomplishment.		
	Total Score	

INTERVIEWER THIS SECTION _____

FLEXIBILITY & ADAPTABILITY

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
Have you ever spent any time away from home? If so, where did you go and for how long?		
How would you go about meeting friends in a new country?		
The customs and food will be very different from home. How will you assimilate?		
Will you attend church with your host family if they are of a different faith? How do you feel about this?		
Do you have responsibilities at home? If so, what are they?		
	Total Score	

INTERVIEWER THIS SECTION _____

COMPATIBILITY AND APPROACHABILITY

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
What is the most difficult or challenging situation you have faced in your life?		
What leadership roles have you assumed in school or in extracurricular activities?		
What is the most difficult decision that you have had to make?		
What was the happiest day of your life?		
	Total Score	

INTERVIEWER THIS SECTION _____

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
Describe three issues that are facing your country today.		
What opportunities have you had speaking in front of groups?		
Who is a role model to you? Why?		
How do you plan to share your experiences with family and friends when you return home?		
	Total Score	

INTERVIEWER THIS SECTION _____

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WORLD INTEREST

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
What world event interests you?		
What languages do you speak other than your native language?		
How do you think you can contribute to international understanding?		
How would you describe your community and country to a person unfamiliar with them?		
	Total Score	

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Thank you for answering our questions and participating in the RYEP interview.
Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

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PARENT QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
How do you feel about your son/daughter going abroad for a year?	
Your son/daughter has expressed interest in traveling to other countries. Do you have any immediate concerns?	
Do you think your son/daughter will be homesick? If so, how will you deal with it, and how will you help?	
Do you understand all the rules of the program? Do you think that your child will be able to abide by them?	
Whose idea was it to apply for the program? Are you entirely committed to let your son/daughter go on the exchange?	
Have either of you traveled abroad?	
Will you object if the student is placed with a family of a different religion?	
Does your son/daughter enjoy trying new things?	
Will your son/daughter eat a variety of foods?	
Does your son/daughter have any medical concerns that we should be aware of?	
Are you planning any major lifestyle changes while your	

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STUDENT NAME: _____ TOTAL SCORE: _____

The Rotary Club of _____ **Does / Does Not** recommend this student to represent our Rotary Club as a Youth Exchange Ambassador.

Signed: Club YEO: _____ Club President: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Our Club *Does / Does Not* have a Youth Exchange Committee: *If you do* please list the members below:

_____, _____, _____

_____, _____, _____

We *have not / have / are now* submitting our Youth Exchange Certification form to the District Coordinator.

CLUB UNDERTAKING

Our club would be willing to Host an Inbound Student in the next intake of students.

GENERAL COMMENTS