



Long Term Youth Exchange Program

For over 75 years students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange Programs (YEP)

Over 8,000 students from 80 plus countries participate in YEP every year

YEP is run by completely by Rotary Clubs volunteers

Globally minded - Committed to Youth

Rotary Clubs around the world are service groups whose members participate in community service; and work toward global peace and understanding. Over 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 clubs worldwide create the extensive network that supports Youth Exchange, a cornerstone Rotary program. Rotary is committed to creating and maintaining the most enriching and safest possible environment for all participants in YEP.

How does the Youth Exchange Program work?

Becoming a Rotary exchange student is a three year process which starts when a student applies to a local Rotary club. If accepted into the program there is a year of planning and preparation prior to the exchange year; this involves attending Rotary orientation events and the sponsoring club's weekly meetings. During the exchange year the student spends 10 months living with host families and attending school in a country selected by the Rotary District. During the subsequent return, or "rebound", year we encourage continued involvement with the sponsoring club and with other exchange students. We welcome and embrace our exchange students and support them throughout all three years of the exchange process and beyond.

Host families Are Essential and Needed!

The Rotary Exchange Program is a true reciprocal exchange, for each Portland student our Club sends abroad we bring in one international student. Each incoming student stays with host families for approximately three months where they are treated as a member of the host family — not a guest! Hosting an exchange student is a fun and enriching experience for both parents and children — often resulting in life-long international friendships. Families who open their homes to host an international student are critical to the success of the exchange program. **Please consider hosting!**

Who do we exchange with?

Our Club is a member of Rotary District 5100, we only exchange with Clubs who meet the high standards of the North American Youth Exchange Network, and with whom we have a person to person connection.

We currently exchange with:

ASIA: India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand

LATIN AMERICA: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador

EUROPE: Austria, Belgium, Czech/Slovakia, Denmark, Finland/Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Turkey

More information is available at: <https://www.youthexchange5100.org>

[Are you interested in applying to Portland Pearl 2022-23 Youth Exchange Program?](#)

- 1- The initial application is available online at Portlandpearlrotary.org
- 2- Complete and submit the application for exchange year 2022-23. Submit to youthexchange.pprc@gmail.com or to Portland Pearl Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2521, Portland, OR. 97208.
- 3- Applicants will be advised that their application has been received. Applicants will be screened and offered interviews. Parents and the student are required to attend the interview.
- 4- Students are encouraged to apply to more than one Rotary Club as there are typically more applicants than spaces available. Portland Pearl will be selecting one exchange student for the 2022-23 exchange.
- 5- Consider attending a Rotary meeting to familiarize yourself with Rotary. Portland Pearl Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am in the Ecotrust Building 721 NW 9th Ave #200, Portland, OR 97209 or via zoom

[Zoom Link Here](#)



If you have questions please contact
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