

PRELIMINARY CLUB APPLICATION FORM FOR 2016

Students Information			
Student Full Name			
Postal Address			
Physical Address			
Telephone (H)		Student Cell	
Student e-mail		Date of birth	19 ___ / ___ / ___
Father/Guardian Information		Mother/Guardian Information	
Name		Name	
Relationship		Relationship	
Occupation		Occupation	
Business No		Business No	
Cellular No		Cellular No	
E-Mail address		E-Mail address	
Brothers and sisters (Give names and ages)			
1.		4.	
2.		5.	
3.		6.	
School Information			
School Attending Now			Grade
Academic and/or Sporting Achievements (list briefly)	1.	6.	
	2.	7.	
	3.	8.	
	4.	9.	
	5.	10.	
Questions			
List in order of importance the four major issues confronting the world today		List in order of importance the four major issues confronting Southern Africa today	
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
Essay			
<p>In an essay of not less than 250 words give your reasons for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wanting to become a Rotary Exchange Student; What you feel you would gain from being in a foreign country; How you would be able to contribute towards promoting International Understanding and Goodwill between Nations; and What is the Rotary Four Way Test, giving an example from your own life, where this test worked or could have worked for you. <p>Use a separate sheet of paper for this and STAPLE the essay to this application form. Please include your NAME on the essay.</p>			

Youth Exchange D9400 Southern Africa

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Countries of Exchange

Though we will try to place applicants in their preferred country, **this cannot be guaranteed** as placements depend on the number and suitability of requests received from those countries for placement in South Africa.

Please note: We facilitate student exchanges with both the **Northern and Southern** hemisphere countries. Students from the **North** arrive from **June to August** while those of the **South** come in **December/January**. All our outbound students depart for their exchanges in **December/January**.

We currently exchange with the countries listed below:

- Please mark, in order of preference, your choice of 3 countries under the **No.** column (i.e. 1 = First, 2 = Second and 3 = Third).
- Please also indicate with a (✓) the type of programme you want to partake in – **LTEP** = Long Term (12 Months) or **STEP** (6-8 Weeks).

Country	Programme (✓)		No.	Country	Programme (✓)		No.	Country	Programme (✓)		No.	Country	Programme (✓)		No.
Argentina	STEP ONLY			Austria	LTEP	STEP		Belgium	LTEP	STEP		Brazil	LTEP	STEP	
Chile	LTEP	STEP		Denmark	LTEP ONLY			Estonia	LTEP	STEP		Finland	LTEP	STEP	
France	LTEP	STEP		Germany	LTEP	STEP		Hungary	LTEP	STEP		India	STEP ONLY		
Netherlands	LTEP	STEP		Mexico	LTEP	STEP		Slovakia	LTEP	STEP		Thailand	LTEP ONLY		
Taiwan	LTEP ONLY			USA	LTEP ONLY										

If you are applying for the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Programme and you are not successful, would you be interested in participating in the Short Term Programme? **(delete whichever is not applicable)**

YES **NO**

What nationality passport would you travel on? _____

What is your passport number? _____ What is the expiry date? 20 ____/____/____

Acknowledgement – student and parent/guardian

Signature of applicant _____ 20 ____/____/____

I _____ parent/legal guardian of _____ confirm that I support my child's application to partake in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme, and I further confirm that I understand that, if my child is selected, I will be responsible for the cost of the programme.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ 20 ____/____/____

Acknowledgement – Rotary Club

THE ROTARY CLUB OF: _____ interviewed the above applicant on 20 ____/____/____

_____ (Name – Club President)	_____ (Name – YEO Officer)
_____ (Signature – Club President)	_____ (Signature – YEO Officer)
_____ (E-mail – Club President)	_____ (E-mail – YEO Officer)
_____ (Cell – Club President)	_____ (Cell – YEO Officer)



How does the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme work?

Rotary is an international service organization which has for the past 60 years organized Youth Exchange programmes to promote individual development to future leaders and to foster international goodwill between nations through personal contacts. **The exchange programmes are NOT tourism based holidays and are rather aimed at cultural exchanges, “supported” by your local Rotary Club**, and are directed towards deserving Senior High School students. The programme offers two options:

Short Term Exchange (STEP):

Typically a 6 week exchange, family to family. This means your child is placed with a family overseas and their child will spend corresponding time with your family. The ages of the students must be **between 15 – 18 years old** whilst on their exchange.

Long Term Exchange (LTEP):

This programme allows a student to experience life in another country for an entire year and the student must be between the ages of **15 – 17 years old** whilst on their exchange. During this time, the student is placed in a town/city where he/she lives with local families and attends a local high school. Typically, the student will be moved every three to four months to live with 3-4 families, thus experiencing daily life in another country to the fullest. The sending Rotary club will receive a student for the year from another country and the outbound student's family in South Africa will become a host for the foreign exchange student. The family may also be required to organize friends and family to make up the 3-4 hosting families for the incoming students.

Your home Rotary Club, as well as your club overseas, accept the responsibility for the welfare of the students and supervise the incoming student accordingly. Therefore your application must be directed through your local Rotary Club.

Because of the intricacies of international exchanges the actual exchanges and administration thereof are organized at Rotary District level for your local Club.

Your regional Youth Exchange officer is available to assist you with the whole process and if you don't know your local Rotary Club, or how to approach them, please visit www.youthexchange.co.za/contact.html to locate the necessary representative in your area who will be able to point you to the correct person in your local Rotary club.

What happens after your interview with your Rotary Club?

To qualify for inclusion in our exchange programme for the coming year you will have to attend, with your parents, a District Selection Interview where you will be assessed for your suitability to participate in our programme and where you and your parents will be briefed on the finer details of the programme.

In order to be invited to this selection session you must first complete the relevant **“Short Term Exchange or Long Term Exchange Programme Application Form”** which is available for you to download from our Youth Exchange website on (www.youthexchange.co.za/download.html).

The completed and signed documents must be submitted to your local Rotary Club representative. Please note that at this stage, **no medical or school certificates** are required with either the LTEP or STEP application forms. This will only be requested, at a later stage, once you have been **accepted** into the programme.

We will contact you via e-mail regarding the time and venue of these selection sessions, so please make sure that the e-mail address you list on your form is correct.

The Youth Exchange Committee accepts applications from all over our Rotary District. When all district selections are completed only then will we notify you to let you know if your application was successful or not.

Important notes on travelling away on YEX – Please read carefully

You cannot travel without first obtaining a visa for the country you go to, you cannot get a visa without submitting a **valid** passport and you will not be issued a passport if you have no ID book. Also no airplane ticket will be reserved for you without a copy of your valid passport being submitted. So if you haven't got an ID book or a passport as yet, start organizing one **NOW!**

If you do have a passport, ensure that you have at least three blank pages left in it and also make sure that your passport has a validity period of six months after your intended return.

When invited for the Selection Session you will be requested to bring 3 (three) paper copies of the application form you filled in as well as a copy of your passport (if you have one already, if not, a copy of your ID book will suffice). The application forms are for international use and are transmitted to the country of your intended exchange. Please note that without this form **we cannot start** the exchange application procedures with our overseas partners.