

TAKE A STEP INTO ANOTHER WORLD !!

Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

Rotary District 5130 in conjunction with Rotary International is accepting applications for the Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) for the upcoming summer program

What is STEP?

Short Term Exchange Programs vary from District to District throughout the world. Currently District 5130 is offering the Family to Family summer short term exchange program model. It involves matching a student here with a student in another country. Typically you spend 3 to 4 weeks in each others' home, experiencing their family, home and culture.

Who is Eligible? Qualified youth age 15-19 can apply for STEP. We strive to match students to age and gender and similar interests whenever possible. Candidates should possess good interpersonal and communication skills, a willingness to try new things that will enable them to be excellent cultural ambassadors. All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club and complete an application and interview.

What are the Costs for a STEP? Costs will vary depending on which country you exchange with. There is a \$150.00 application fee. Other expenses would be round-trip airfare, health and accident insurance, travel documents such as passports, and of course spending money. In general you can probably expect to invest between \$1,500. - \$2,000. for a STEP experience.

Where and when will my exchange be? Our STEP is summer oriented during vacation from school. For that reason we exchange primarily with countries in the northern hemisphere that are also on summer vacation from school. You may be exchanging with a family in Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Hungary, Sweden, or Italy. Plan on your exchange taking a total of 6 to 8 weeks to complete between the families.

What are my responsibilities?

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student you agree to act as an ambassador for your own country and be open to new experiences and cultural differences. You will abide by all program rules of your host Rotary Club and district.

How do I apply? Contact your local Rotary Club for more details or go to www.youthexchange5130.org for more information. Deadline to apply is January 29, 2010. After experiencing a short term summer exchange, you may want to apply for a long term exchange for a full school year!

ROTARY DISTRICT 5130 YOUTH EXCHANGE

SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM (STEP) Summer Program

Pre-Application Form / Print or Type ONLY

Student Name _____
Last First M.I. M/F (circle one)

Home address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Birth Date _____ High School _____ Yr. _____
Month Day Yr.

Sponsor Rotary Club _____ Club Counselor _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice from the following countries

____ Germany _____ France _____ Italy
____ Switzerland _____ Belgium _____ Sweden
____ Finland _____ Netherlands _____ Denmark
____ Other _____

I understand that submission of this pre-application does not guarantee acceptance into the program, nor does it confirm the exchange destination. This information will be confirmed in following correspondence.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Relation to Applicant _____

Signature of Sponsor Rotary Club Official _____
Club Counselor, YE Chair, President, or Secretary

** Submit this form to your local Rotary Club contact

Any questions or other information contact :
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