



ROTARY CLUB OF TIGARD - PRELIMINARY OUTBOUND APPLICATION

(Please read this before filling out the attached application)

The Rotary Club of Tigard participates in an educational and cultural youth exchange program for high school students. Under the program, you will live in a host country for approximately 10 months, attending high school and living with 1 – 4 host families. Students apply to become a Rotary Exchange Student at the beginning of their sophomore year, and if selected will spend their junior year in the hosting country.

You should think seriously about participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, since it affords a wonderful opportunity for travel, study and adventure in a foreign country. This is a broadening experience for students of exceptional promise. Being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student is exciting and challenging, since you will see and learn so much about another country after living there as part of local host families. It is emphasized that you do not have to come from a family in which there is a Rotary member; everyone is welcome to apply.

Rotary District 5100 currently exchanges with in the following countries: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czechia/Slovakia, Denmark, Finland/Estonia, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. These countries can change somewhat each year.

When chosen as a candidate, a Rotary District 5100 application fee of \$2000 will be required. The Tigard Rotary Club will pay this fee on behalf of the candidate. Additional major expenses to you will be to provide your own airfare to and from your host country, medical insurance, and an emergency fund of \$500. Other incidental expenses may also be involved - but the year abroad is a bargain, since the host families will provide your food and lodging. Some financial aid may be available for those with a demonstrated need.

To apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, please fill out an application and submit it to a member of the Youth Exchange Committee as listed below. Your preliminary application must be submitted no later than Sunday, **September 14th, 2025**.

Key Dates:

- A. Preliminary Applications due to Julie Ketchum by Sunday, **September 14th**. Email to Julie Ketchum at julie.ketchum@gmail.com. Questions? Call Julie at 509-330-4353
- B. Student interviews with Tigard Rotary Club representatives to be arranged the week of **September 15th**.
- C. Interviews of selected students and their families the week of **September 22nd**
- D. Candidate nomination form and application fee submitted by the Tigard Rotary Club to the Rotary District 5100 Youth Exchange Committee by **September 30th**
- E. Application Seminar – **October 5th**, Rex Putnam High School, Milwaukie
- F. Final application submitted to the District Outbound YE Coordinator by **November 15th**

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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Application to be completed by the student and submitted to the Rotary Club of Tigard for possible acceptance as an outbound student candidate for overseas placement in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. (You may use the reverse side or a separate sheet to complete your answers. Handwritten responses are fine, as long as they are readable).

Previous page is for your information. Please return only pages 2 & 3 when completed.

Name: _____

Male Female Prefer Not to State

What are your preferred pronouns?

Complete address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Parent's (Guardian's) names:

Address: _____

Occupations (both father and mother): _____

Name of school you attend (if other than THS): _____

Current GPA: _____

What are your school interests and activities?

What are your hobbies and accomplishments (art, music, sports, clubs, etc.)?

Have you studied a foreign language? Yes No

If yes, how many years, what language, and what degree of proficiency?

Write a short paragraph on why you want to go to another country as a Rotary Exchange Student.

Have you ever been away from home? If so, how long, to what destination, and for what purpose?

Please give your preliminary first, second, and third choice of countries:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Are you mostly interested in the Short-Term Program, the Long-Term Program, or both?

Please have your parents sign here to indicate their willingness for you to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Mother/Guardian _____ Date _____

Father/Guardian _____ Date _____

Student signature: _____ Date _____

Date application completed/submitted: _____