**Preliminary Outbound Application**

The Rotary Club of McMinnville participates in an educational and cultural youth exchange program for McMinnville high school students. Under this program, you will live in a host country for approximately 10-11 months, attending high school and living with 1 to 4 families. Students apply to become a Rotary Exchange Student at the end of their freshman year, and if selected will spend their sophomore year attending orientation meetings and their Junior year in the hosting country, leaving mid-summer. They then return home to complete their senior year of high school.

You should think seriously about participation 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 about another country after living there for just a month or two. 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.

Exchanges have been conducted in the following countries. **Asia**: India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand**; Europe**: Austria, Belgium, Czechia/Slovakia, Denmark, Finland/Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Turkey; **Latin America**: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico.

Expenses: When chosen as a candidate, an application fee of $1850 is paid by our club. The major expenses to you will be to provide your own air fare, visa and passports to and from your host country, an emergency fund of $500, and an insurance policy costing about $800. Other incidental expenses may also be involved, but the year abroad is a bargain since your food and lodging will be provided by the host families. Some financial aid may be available for those with a demonstrated need.

To apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, please fill out the application attached and submit it to the Rotarian member of the youth Exchange Committee as listed Below. **Your preliminary application must be submitted by end of day, May 3rd, 2024 or sooner**.

**Key dates:**

1. Complete and return Preliminary Application are due by **May 3rd 2024**
   1. Mail to P.O. BOX 441 McMinnville OR 97128
   2. Email to macrotaryexchange@gmail.com
2. Interviews with the local club during the month of May/June
3. Candidate/s nomination postmarked, with a check from our club attached, to the District Outbound Student Coordinator by September 15.

**Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2024 Application**

This application is to be completed by the student and submitted to the Rotary Club of McMinnville for consideration as an outbound student candidate for overseas placement in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. (You may use the reverse side or extra sheets to complete answers). The previous page is for **your** own information - please return only pages 2 - 4.

Please check the appropriate box indicating your program interest.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Long term

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Short term

**Name:**

Complete Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Citizenship:

**Family/Home Life**

1st – Parent/guardian name:

Address**:**

Phone Number:

Occupation:

2nd Parent/guardian name:

Address**:**

Phone Number:

Occupation:

Siblings (ages):

**School:**

School attend:

Current Grade Point:

What are your school interests and activities?

Whatare your hobbies and accomplishments (art, music**,** sports, etc.**)?**

Have you studied a foreign language if so how many years:

Write a short essay 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?

State your first**, second** and third choice of countries you would like to go to.

1. \_
2. \_
3. \_

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

1st parent (Guardian):

Date:

2nd Parent (Guardian):

Data:

Student applicant:

Date: