

YEP – LONGTERM CONDITIONS CONFIRMATION FORM

GOAL: The main goal of the program is to provide international peace and understanding through mutual cultural exchange. Under the Rotary umbrella, the program gives young people the opportunity to learn about the other countries and cultures. The purpose is not neither to travel abroad for a year nor learn a new language, but to also get familiar and/or understand the different culture.

COUNTRIES: Long-Term Exchange Program is applicable in several overseas countries such as Argentina-Paraguay, U.S.A., Brazil, South Africa, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Taiwan etc. This year, more countries are currently considered to fall under this program.

DURATION: The program will start approximately on 8 August 2023, and end on 30 June 2024.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Parents of applicants do not have to be members of Rotary while the programme is also open to children of Rotarians.
- Applicants must be (aged between 15 years 6 months as of August 31, 2023 and up to 18 years 4 months as of June 30, 2024) Age requirements may be more flexible in countries other than USA, Canada, Japan, and Australia.
- Applicants must reside in Rotary District 2430 territory, and in the city where the nominated club is located.
- Applicants must have strong academic performances, and should not have any disciplinary actions.
- Applicants must have a strong character and good morals.
- Applicants must be easily adaptable to the society and the new environment.
- Applicants must be able/open to participate in community activities.
- Applicants are expected to have solid family relationships.
- Applicants must have the ability to represent native country abroad.

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EVALUATION: After the Committee evaluate applicants pre-application forms, the ones who qualify and fulfill the requirements will be invited for an interview in Ankara. The date of the interview and other information will be posted on the web sites (<http://rye2430.org/tr/>, <https://www.rotary2430.org.tr/>), and will also be emailed to the applicants. Applications of those who are not present at the interview on the stated date, time and place will not be considered. Interviews are not a competition of educational knowledge, but rather aim to measure the knowledge of the candidate about the country and the world culture, the ability to speak and represent, the adaptability to new circumstances. Language information is not considered in the selection. However for some countries like USA and Canada language proficiency test should be taken. At the end of the screening, the selection committee determines the candidate list which are elected to go and announce within two days at the latest.

FINANCIAL LIABILITIES: In long-term exchange program, the applicants who are elected to go;

- Do not pay for accommodation, meal and education during their stay. These items are covered by hosting Rotary Club and hosting families.
- Student and all host families have to be immunized for COVID 19
- Receive 50USD monthly allowance from hosting Rotary club or district
- Have to pay a contribution fee of 1700 USD

**(100 usd for pre application, 1600usd for final placement = total 1700usd. The contribution fee covers all the expenses of any kind of correspondences, planning expenses, accommodations, and training costs of the Orientation Camp that the selected applicants will attend before the departure of the country. 1600 USD will be paid following the approval of the country by the candidate after selection. Final application forms will be filled out after payment receipt received. If the candidate back down from going after the final application form has been completed, there will be no refunds in paid contribution.)*

- Have to cover their round-trip plane tickets on their own expense
- Have to cover their insurance which should be in compliance with RI rules on their own expense (approximately 800-1000USD)

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- Have to cover their emergency fund (500USD). This fund will be used only in case of early return and will be refunded if he/she completes the program successfully
- Have to get their passports and visas on their own

OTHER:

- The selected students are will to continue their study at the high school level for one year in the country that they will go. **Rotary does not give any commitment on the validity of grades from these schools in their home country.** It is assumed that the candidates apply the program by accepting to lose an educational year.
- At the end of the program, it is mandatory for the students to return home. The return route must be exactly same as the departure route.
- During their exchange students will stay with more than one family and expected to act as a member of these families.
- Failure to comply with the rules of the Youth Exchange Program will end by an early return.
- Students must attend the "Orientation Camp" in July or August 2023 in Ankara and complete the camp successfully before going abroad.

We as the applicant and his/her family have carefully read the information about the Long-Term Youth Exchange Program above, and filled out the application form accepting all the conditions stated. All the information on the application form has been filled out correctly by us on our own will .

Applicant Name – Last Name:

Signature:

Date:

Legal Parent Name – Last Name:

Signature:

Date:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Make sure to keep a copy of the completed form for future references, and to answer any questions that may arise.

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ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED THE DATE OF THE INTERVIEWS.