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Rotary clubs are made up of volunteers who are involved in community service, emphasize high ethical standards, and work toward peace and understanding in the world. Over 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 clubs create the extensive network that provides support for Youth Exchange.

Short Term Youth Exchange – A focus for Rotary District 7690

Ages 15-18 ½

Several weeks long – family-to-family exchange

Don't involve attending high school, but students can tailor their experience to match their interest

Can include home stays, tours, and international youth camps

Long –term Youth Exchange

Ages 15-18 1/2

One year

Involves living with a few host families and attending a local high school

Rotary Clubs:

Recruit, select, and sponsor students for the **Short Term** (Summer Family to Family Exchange) by the end of May

Clubs responsibilities:

- Assist students and families with information and completing applications by May 1
- Carefully review student applications and recommend students for the program
- Coordinate meetings with students, parents, and youth exchange committee to complete required documents and orientations
- Provide funds to process required criminal background checks (\$8 for each one)

Recruit and sponsor an **Outbound Youth Exchange** candidate who applies by the deadline December 1.

Clubs responsibilities:

- Assist students and families with information and completing applications by December 1
- Carefully review student applications and recommend students for the program
- Coordinate meetings with students, parents, and youth exchange committee to complete required documents and orientations

Recruit three families to host an **Inbound Exchange Student for 2013-2014 year**

Club responsibilities:

- Sponsor the student by supporting activities with the host family to include club meetings
- Coordinate meetings with students, parents, and youth exchange committee to complete required documents and orientations
- Provide \$100 per month to the student
- Fund \$100 per exchange student to the district for ESSEX costs
- Provide funds to process required criminal background checks (\$8 for each one)
- Assist with locating and assigning a Rotarian counselor for the student

District Youth Exchange Committee members:

Tanya Feagins - Youth Exchange Officer for 2013-2014 member of Airport Rotary Club twfeagins@gmail.com

Dr. John Longphre - past Youth Exchange Officer - member of Summit Club jlongphre@workcare.com

Ken Keller - Protection Officer for Youth Exchange/Assistant Governor district 7690 - member of Greensboro Club

Shelia Bowden - Career Counselor and Interact Advisor at Northern High School

David Feagins - retired Guilford County Schools principal and college administrator

Jim Fradenburg - attorney with Womble, Carlyle, Sandrich & Rice - member of the Kernersville Club

Gail Haworth - retired executive director for the Servant Center and other non-profit organizations

Tony Hooimeijer - president and CEO of Karl Mayer - member of Gate City Rotary Club

Lilliana Jordan - Global Studies and Student Exchange Facilitator with the Guilford County Schools

Bob Newton – past Youth Exchange Officer/District Governor - member of the Greensboro Club



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What is Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX)?

ESSEX was founded in 1966. To facilitate a smoother functioning program, a number of Rotary Districts in New England and the Middle Atlantic States combined into a consortium called the Eastern States Student Exchange or ESSEX. The Eastern States Student Exchange Program (ESSEX) organizes both long-term and short-term Rotary student exchanges for 36 Rotary International Districts. ESSEX works with districts in 16 states in the eastern United States, Bermuda and Quebec, Canada, and exchanges with over 30 countries worldwide. Rotary's student exchange offers two programs to choose from, a long-term program that is a 10 or 11-month program and a short-term program, which is a 3 to 6 week program.

Purpose and Goals - Each year, Rotary Youth Exchange provides about 8,000 young people the opportunity to experience the cultures, problems and accomplishments of people in other countries. Through this Rotary program, students are given the opportunity to grow as individuals while their concept of the world is growing too. Participants return with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves. When these young people become adults, many assume leadership roles in their communities and bring to these positions the benefits of and insights from their exchange experiences. As a result, Rotary's Youth Exchange program becomes a powerful force in the promotion of world understanding and peace.

Through Youth Exchange, Rotarians seek to provide the best possible environment for students. The program enjoys the advantages of over 46 years of experience and a network of more than 1.2 million Rotarians around the world. This experience and support system ensures the best possible exchange for participants in the program.