



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE for **K** STUDENTS

Why Study Abroad in the 2019-20 School Year?

What do you gain from a year abroad?

- Learn a new language and become fluent enough to communicate well in that country.
- Opportunity to study a new culture and also learn more about your own culture.
- Serve your country by being an ambassador – especially to young people in other countries.
- Meet people from around the world and make connections that will last a lifetime.
- Increase your independence, confidence and speaking skills.

Why might a High School Exchange (or gap year) have some advantages over a semester abroad during college?

- First – it is much cheaper!!! Rotary provides housing, food and school.
- You live with host families – this gives you a much better perspective of a culture than living in dorms or in flats with other same-aged students.



If you are interested in Rotary Youth Exchange for the Kimberly Area School District, please contact Ray Sweeney at (920) 373-4533 or rsweeney1@new.rr.com by **September 17, 2018**. For more information, you can also visit these websites: csrye.org and rye6220.org.



- Living with a host family is the best way to learn a language – you use it daily!
- High School is one of the most important parts of almost every culture – how a country educates its youth reflects the values and beliefs of the culture.
- Many students feel they are just getting really comfortable with the language at 4 to 5 months and starting to move from studying the culture to being a part of the culture (that is right when college students have to go home from their semester abroad!).
- College semesters abroad can be difficult to schedule and may not fit with some majors.
- Pressure to focus on college studies can seriously detract from the goal of learning a new language and culture.
- But to be honest, almost every student who goes abroad during High School finds a way to make it happen in college too. They get hooked on travel and culture.
- This is a long-term (11 month) youth exchange option.

