

I know summer is not over yet but it is not too early to start thinking about Short Term Youth Exchange for the summer of 2014.

1. For example, if your student would like to go to Japan, applications are due in December at the latest and there are already applications on the waiting list for the few spots that do come available.

There are opportunities for the Southern Hemisphere and India that require a lot of planning in advance and have a much longer than usual trip. These exchanges also require flexible school districts.

Applications for Europe are due in by May, but some countries are only available for one or 2 students (Iceland is an example) and the earlier your student's application is in the better your student's chances of obtaining the country of your choice can be.

The program is explained on the ESSEX website here:

<http://www.exchangestudent.org/EPShortTermExchangeProgram.cfm>

This years country list is located here:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fessexpa.clubwizard.com%2FIMUpload%2F2013%2520Possible%2520Short%2520Term%2520Exchange%2520Countries4.docx> You can use this for an idea as to what may be available next year.

Short Term Youth Exchange is open to students between 15 1/2 and 18 1/2 years old and is open to Rotarian's and non-Rotarian's children alike. Interact clubs may be a good source of candidates.

New information has come to me in the area of Youth Camps. Here are 2 sites which can give you some idea as to what is available:

<http://www.youthexchange.org.uk/camps-and-tours/2013-camps-and-tours/>

<http://www.rotaryswissyep.ch/camplist.html>

We do not usually have student allocations reserved, but if we can find out about an interest early enough we can try to free up a slot for our district. All these slots were closed well before May.

As always club participation in Short Term RYE counts as New Generation Service and is of minimum cost to the club for your Presidential Citation.

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