The Rotary Youth Exchange applications for Outbound Students for the 2017 - 18 school year are now available. While this is more than an entire year away NOW is the time for students to fill out applications for the 17 - 18 school year. Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the premier programs of Rotary International.

District 6400 has 21 students participating in Rotary Youth Exchange this year. ALL of these students started the process to become an Exchange Student over one year ago. It takes more than a year of processing and orientation to prepare the students and their parents for the Youth Exchange Experience.

To help promote Rotary Youth Exchange we suggest that you watch this You Tube Video by following this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8>.

Applications must be filled out on line and submitted to your local Rotary Club. Students wishing to go "outbound" on a Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the 2017 - 18 school year must go to the following web site to complete the application: <http://yehub.net/CEN-obapp>

The local Rotary Club must hold interviews with the student and parents prior to submission to the District. In addition, the Club Interview Committee must recommend the student to the District Committee. District Interviews with students and parents will be held in October.

We have attached a sample press release that you can use with your local news media. Please feel free to adapt this to your particular needs in order to “localize” the press release.

We also have contacts for you that will assist you with the application/interview processes and answers your questions that you may have about Rotary Youth Exchange. Your District Contacts are as follows:

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Please make sure that your Youth Groups are aware of the very tight application deadlines. Help us spread the work on this outstanding Rotary Program. Youth Exchange Students are often the Rotarians of tomorrow and now is the time to start to fill out the applications.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our Outbound Coordinators or myself.

Yours in Rotary,

Paul J. Sincock