North Atlantic Rotary Atlantique Nord

YOUTH EXCHANGE

DISTRICT 7815

Connecting Young People • Building Understanding • Creating Global Citizens

rotary youth exchange

SEPTEMBER 2026 | IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ROTARIANS, CLUBS & YOUTH EXCHANGE OFFICERS



YOUTH EXCHANGE IN ACTION





WELCOME TO THE 2026–27 YOUTH EXCHANGE YEAR

A new exchange year is underway—and there are many ways for every Rotary club to help young people discover the world while bringing the world home to our communities.

RECRUIT

Begin reaching out to schools and prospective outbound students this fall.

HOST

Help your club welcome an international student into your community.

CONNECT

Youth Exchange creates friendships, leadership and international understanding.

NEXT BIG DEADLINE

DECEMBER 13, 2026

Short-Term (STEP) & Long-Term (LTEP) outbound applications due.

Start early—medical and dental appointments can take time.

Be a part of something life-changing. Inspire a student. Welcome the world.

Your Youth Exchange Year at a Glance

Key dates for clubs, students, families and the Youth Exchange team

SEPT. 18-20, 2026	**Inbound Orientation**	Camp Tidnish • Baie Verte, NB
NOV. 27–29, 2026	**Peace Weekend**	Alma, NB
DEC. 13, 2026	**OUTBOUND APPLICATIONS DUE**	STEP & LTEP • ACTION REQUIRED
JAN. 21–24, 2027	**LTEP Inbound / Outbound Weekend**	Halifax, NS
FEB. 18–21, 2027	**Ski Weekend**	Martock, NS
APR. 29–MAY 1, 2027	**Outbound Orientation Weekend**	Mount Allison University • Sackville, NB
JUNE 11–13, 2027	**District Conference**	Saint Mary's University • Halifax, NS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Attendance at required Youth Exchange orientations and designated district events is an important part of a successful exchange.

Start Planning for Youth Exchange!

One student. One family. One community. A world of impact.

Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's most powerful ways to create international understanding.

Approximately 9,000 students participate around the world each year. For Rotary clubs, the program creates opportunities to develop young leaders, welcome international students, engage schools and families, and build friendships that last a lifetime.

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

Students represent their community, country and Rotary.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Clubs engage schools, families and local organizations.

YOUNG LEADERS

Students gain confidence, resilience and leadership experience.

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

Exchange creates connections across cultures and generations.

IS YOUR CLUB READY?

For clubs without a Youth Exchange Officer:

- Confirm a Youth Exchange Officer and committee.
- Begin recruiting in local schools this fall.
- Arrange school presentations or information sessions.
- Contact the district committee if your club would like assistance.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE Short-Term & Long-Term brochures • Information Session Poster • Preliminary Application • LTEP Scholarship Poster

Contact Marcel A. Gervais: D7815RYEChair@gmail.com

Find Your Next Youth Exchange Ambassador

Recruitment starts in the fall—give students time to learn about the opportunity and complete their applications.

THE IDEAL STUDENT

AMBASSADOR
Ready to represent their community and country.

ENGAGED
Outgoing, involved and willing to participate.

RESPONSIBLE
Able to follow Rotary and program rules.

SUCCESSFUL
Maintains above-average academic standards.

RESILIENT
Ready to face challenges and adapt.

COMMITTED

Family support is essential.

SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE • STEP

A shorter cultural exchange experience designed to build international friendships and understanding.

Student fee: $175
Club fee: $125
Outbound Orientation: $250

LONG-TERM EXCHANGE • LTEP

A full academic-year exchange that immerses a student in a new culture, family and community.

Student fee: $250
Club fee: $200
Outbound Orientation: $250
Inbound allowance: $125/month

HOW CLUBS CAN RECRUIT

- Meet with school guidance offices and administrators.
- Arrange an assembly or information session for students and parents.
- Use district brochures, posters and the preliminary application.
- Contact the Youth Exchange Committee for recruitment support.

Tip: Interviews are generally conducted in early October to allow selected students time to meet application deadlines.

Long-Term Youth Exchange Budget • 2026–27

Estimated cost to a sponsor club for one long-term inbound student. Transportation varies by where the student is hosted.

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Inbound Orientation Weekend • Baie Verte, NB	$165
Santa Claus Parade / Peace Weekend • Moncton, NB	$160
Pre-Orientation Weekend • Halifax, NS • Inbound & Outbound	$350
Ski Weekend • Martock, NS	$275
Outbound Orientation Weekend • Sackville, NB	$250
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Weekend	$150
District Conference • Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS	$200
Rebound Weekend • McKees Mills, NB	$100
Other	—
Monthly Allowance • $125/month	$1,250
Club Application Fees	$200
School Fees • registration for school activities	$250
Grad Fees	$100
Gifts • Christmas, birthday, farewell	$150
SUB-TOTAL	**$3,600**
TRANSPORTATION (BUS)	
Inbound Orientation Weekend • Baie Verte, NB	$85 – $150
Santa Claus Parade / Peace Weekend • Moncton, NB	$70 – $135
Pre-Orientation Weekend • Halifax, NS	$105 – $130
Ski Weekend • Martock, NS	$190 – $225
Outbound Orientation Weekend • Sackville, NB	$55 – $135
RYLA Weekend • Various	$45 – $145
District Conference • Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS	$105 – $130
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,255 – $4,650**

Budget note The amounts above are estimates. Transportation costs vary by student location. If a club participates in the short-term program only, the club cost is approximately $400, unless the club also covers return airfare and travel/health insurance.

Open Your Home. Welcome the World.

Hosting is one of the most rewarding ways a Rotary club can participate in Youth Exchange.



EVERY HOST FAMILY MUST:

- Complete a host-family interview.
- Complete a host-family home visit.
- Provide required Vulnerable Sector and/or Criminal Record Checks for all adults 18+ living in the home.
- Complete required volunteer / host-family documentation.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

JANUARY 8, 2027

Required police / RCMP checks must be submitted by this date.

POLICE CHECK SUBMISSION CONTACT

Marcel A. Gervais

D7815 Youth Exchange Chair

D7815RYEChair@gmail.com

Mailing address for police checks:

Rotary Youth Exchange
99 Lawrence Lane
McKees Mills, NB E4V 2S5

HOME VISITS

Please complete a host-family home visit and review the required checklist / volunteer assessment. Home visits are recommended no later than January 2027.

APPLICATIONS DUE • DECEMBER 13, 2026

Short-Term (STEP) and Long-Term (LTEP) outbound applications

SHORT-TERM COORDINATOR • STEP

Nicholas O'Toole
(506) 229-0161
Application forwarding:
D7815STEPCoordinator@gmail.com

LONG-TERM COORDINATOR • LTEP

Ade Adeyemi
(506) 897-3002
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PLEASE NOTE

Use the current fillable PDF application. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. When all sections and signatures are complete, email the still-fillable PDF to D7815RYEChair@gmail.com for final district review and signature.

PAYMENT

Cheque payable to:
"D7815 Youth Exchange"
Mail to: Rotary Youth Exchange
99 Lawrence Lane
McKees Mills, NB E4V 2S5

E-TRANSFER

Send e-transfer to:
D7815RYEChair@gmail.com

All fees are non-refundable.

APPLICATION FORMS

Long Term Application Form (Fillable PDF)

Short Term Application Form (Fillable PDF)

Request current forms from Marcel A. Gervais before sending them to applicants.

D7815RYEChair@gmail.com

OTHER CLUB RESOURCES

Short-Term & Long-Term Brochures • Information Session Poster • Preliminary Application • LTEP Scholarship Poster • Volunteer Assessment Form • Home Inspection Checklist • Interview Questions & Scoring Template

OUTBOUND ORIENTATION WEEKEND • APRIL 29 – MAY 1, 2027



MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

Attendance by selected outbound students is mandatory. Parents/guardians must attend on Saturday, May 1, 2027.

Mount Allison University • Sackville, NB

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DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER Position currently vacant. For current police-check submission instructions, see the Host Family Corner on Page 6.

Thank you for helping District 7815 make Youth Exchange a life-changing experience for young people and our communities.