



Rotary Youth Exchange District 5040

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SAMPLE YOUTH EXCHANGE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

For Students:

1. Tell us a little about yourself. Personal/Work Experience/School/Group activities.
2. What do you know about the Youth Exchange Program?
3. Which of your personal qualities make you suitable for this program?
4. What are your career objectives and how do you feel this opportunity would fit into your plans?
5. What do you know about the Rotary Club in general?
6. Name two of Canada's Federal Political Parties and their leaders? How have they been making news recently?
7. What do you believe High School Graduation equips you for in life? Do you feel more education is necessary, and why?
8. Do you know about upcoming civic/municipal elections? Who when, what, etc.
9. What is your opinion of euthanasia?
10. What do you think of lotteries, where do you think lottery profits should be directed, and why?
11. What are the best things your city/town has to offer young people? What are the worst?
12. What do you do with your free time for enjoyment and leisure activities?
13. Do you have a savings program? (\$) How did you get the money?
14. Do you feel that you are the kind of person that others respect?
15. Do you feel that your parents really trust you? How do you know?
16. What duties do you perform at home, and why do you do so?
17. Do you have any questions you would like to ask about the Youth Exchange Program or Rotary in general?
18. Why do you want to go abroad and what do you think is the purpose of sending students abroad?
19. How can you contribute to international understanding?
20. What major issues involving your country do you feel would need most explaining abroad? How would you explain them?
21. How would you describe your community and country to a person unfamiliar with them?
22. What are your hobbies? What recreational and cultural activities do you enjoy?
23. What public speaking have you done; when, to whom, for what purpose?

24. What do you consider to be your greatest weakness? Strength?
25. What are your plans and ambitions?
26. Which do you believe are the major issues confronting the world today?
27. What is your most important personal accomplishment?
28. What aspects in your family, school, community and country do you agree with? Disagree with?
29. Has your family ever hosted students?
30. Have you ever travelled abroad? Explain.
31. Is your family prepared for the financial responsibility of this exchange?

For Parents:

1. What was your first reaction when your son/daughter told you about the Youth Exchange Program?
2. Have you fully considered the impact and commitment you will be undertaking in this Exchange? Doing without your son/daughter for a year? Financial?
3. How do you feel about your son/daughter having perhaps four or more different sets of parents that may have different standards, ideas on home life, and/or what is and is not acceptable standards of behaviour for a young person?
4. How do you feel your son/daughter will be able to adjust to difference in each home, i.e., food, family closeness, religion, chores, etc.?
5. Are you aware that a different person will come home to you at the end of the year? New confidence, broader perspective, etc.
6. How do you think your son/daughter will readjust to coming back to school and attending with a class one year behind?
7. What about your son/daughter's interests here: music, sports, etc. Is it your hope that he or she will continue with these during his/her time away? Will there be any impact on continuing these activities when he/she returns?
8. If your son/daughter became ill while away, how would you feel about the care he/she would get in another country? Would you be comfortable with someone else making those decisions for you?
9. What "growing experience" do you anticipate this program would give your son/daughter?
10. Is there a country that you prefer your son/daughter NOT be sent to? Why? On what do you base your objection?
11. In what ways does your son/daughter help around home?
12. Do you know your son/daughter's friends?