

## Scholarships & Awards

YMCA Celebration of Youth Award  
Lambton County Music Festival  
Award

## INTERACT

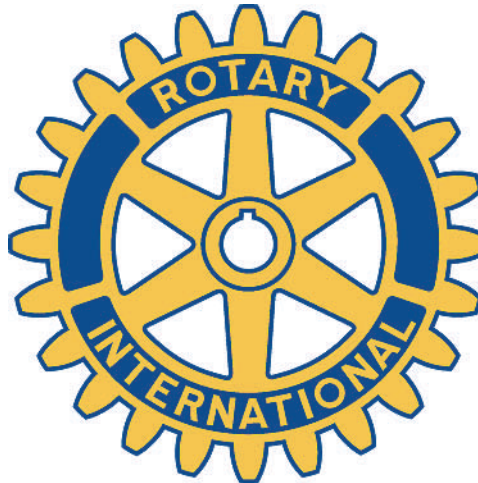
Interact is a Rotary International service club for young people ages 14-18. The Twin Bridges Interact Club of Sarnia is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Sarnia and The Rotary Club of Sarnia-Bluewaterland, which provide support and guidance. At the same time, the Interact club is self-governing and self-supporting.

Interactors, are doers, who want to solve problems and improve the quality of life in their own community and around the world. In the process of managing their own club and developing and carrying out their various activities, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative and meet new friends. Interact clubs organize a variety of projects and activities, depending primarily on the interests of the club members. However, within the Interact program, all clubs undertake activities to enhance leadership skills, serve their community, and expand international understanding. Together, these activities ensure a balanced club program and provide important experience and opportunities for the personal development of each Interactor.

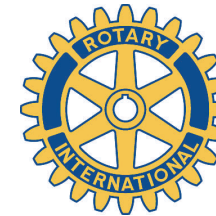
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*If you are interested in any of these fun & life changing opportunities, please contact The Rotary Club of Sarnia for more information, applications or assistance.*

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The  
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## Rotary Youth Opportunities

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Developing  
leadership and global  
awareness in  
tomorrows leaders

# Conferences

## Adventure in Citizenship

This annual conference takes place in Ottawa usually during May. It provides a unique opportunity for young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, students learn a great deal about our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. Travel costs are paid by Rotary and accommodations are provided by host families in Ottawa.

## Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders

This seminar, held at The University of Western Ontario during May, combines lectures and discussions on career knowledge, international understanding and service opportunities with small group leadership and team development experiences and exercises. Ideal candidates for this conference are students who have already demonstrated leadership interests and skills.

Students selected to participate will have been recognized in their schools and communities for their positive leadership abilities and their history of involvement in school and extracurricular activities. Academic excellence may be considered but will not be the basic criterion. It should reflect the potential of the student to be one of tomorrow's leaders in business, industry, education, science, community or political life.

# International Youth Exchanges

Rotary Youth Exchange is for secondary school aged students who are interested in living and studying abroad. Its goal is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

## What is Rotary Youth Exchange...?

**Opportunity to learn a new culture and language**      **Opportunity to be an ambassador**  
**Opportunity to make friends for a lifetime**      **It's a year of adventure**  
**Previous participants call it "The best year of my life."**

It is not a vacation...instead it's a cultural and academic exchange that lasts a full school year (11-12 months.) While on exchange you will have the opportunity to learn the language and culture of your host country. While in your host country you will attend school, be hosted by families (normally 3-4) and be supported by your host Rotary club and counsellor (as well as Rotarians here in Canada.). We exchange with over 40 countries so when applying, you indicate which countries interest you the most and we attempt to place you in one of them. Unfortunately, due to the nature of our program we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in a specific country. Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the largest, oldest and most respected Youth Development Programs.

## Key reasons to consider a Rotary exchange include:

- Orientation/training process before you leave
- Hosted by a Rotary club and host families
- Activities with Rotary/Rotarians
- Low cost / everyone is a volunteer

## Key Qualifications

- Must be a good student (top half of class)
- Between 15 and 18 1/2 years old at the time of departure
- A willingness to learn the language and culture of the country that you are assigned to
- The initiative to get involved in activities in your host country

Applicants should have a pleasant personality and must:

- be able to adjust to a new and different culture/country
- be willing to live apart from their families for the year
- be open to new and different experiences

**A member of your family does not need to belong to Rotary for you to be eligible.**

## How much does it cost?

It varies:

- Airfare depends on country (and is higher due to specific ticket requirements)
- Insurance / orientation / blazer
- possibly language school/extra insurance in your host country
- passport and visa
- pins, presents, photos
- spending money / extra trips in your host country/ souvenirs

For most students the cost of the year is between \$5,000 - \$7,000 \$CDN although this is very much dependent on your spending habits while on exchange.

**This does not include what your parents save while you are gone (food, car insurance, etc.)**

## Rotary provides:

- host families and school
- monthly allowance
- and often lots of extras...

For more information on Rotary Youth Exchanges, visit [www.csr.org](http://www.csr.org)