The Rotary Club of Berwick invites applications from eligible students to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Those eligible are secondary school students at years 9 or 10, who will be between the ages of 15 years and 16 years and 11 months on 1st January 2014.

Applicants should be in the upper third of their year level and must have the support of their family and school principal.

We are seeking bright, mature and independent students who will be capable of living and studying in another country for a period of twelve months.

- Applicants must show a genuine desire to learn and to assimilate in the host family and in the social life of their host country.
- They will stay with host families and will expect to become one of the family, and to meet and to speak to many people and groups.
- Their parents will be expected to pay the cost of fares, clothing and insurance.
- The overseas host Rotary Club will provide full accommodation and pocket money, as well as supervision.

Countries of exchange may include Brazil, USA/Canada, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Successful applicants will depart in January 2014 and return in January 2015.

Interested students may obtain further information:

- from the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org,
- from the Rotary District 9820 web site at www.district9820.org,
- or by contacting the Rotary Club of Berwick through Rotarian Merv Clissold on phone no. 9707 3200, or mervclissold@optusnet.com.au.

Applications must be made by completing the Preliminary Application Form which is available from Merv Clissold, and by providing a personally hand-written letter. The letter should express the applicants’ desire and ability to become an exchange student, and indicate the benefits the student might bring to the Program. This letter will form the first step in the assessment of the application. Our positive assessment of this letter is required for the application to proceed to an interview.

Applications close on Wednesday 1st of May.