

WHAT IS ROTARY

Rotary is an association of representatives of the most diverse professional activities, who work together worldwide to serve society, encourage compliance with high ethical principles in the practice of all professions, and help building a world of friendship and peace.

The first among the service club associations in the world, Rotary was founded in Chicago (Illinois, USA) on the evening of February 23, 1905 by a young lawyer, Paul Harris, and three of his friends.

Rotary currently has about 1.2 million members, both men and women, who are senior members in their professional fields and belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world.

Each Rotary Club meets regularly once a week to allow members to discuss together matters of common interest, both local and international. In each club, the membership represents a cross-section of the community's economic life.

The Rotary Clubs organize and promote humanitarian and educational projects that benefit the people in their own community and in communities of other countries anywhere in the world.

Rotary also means the Rotary Foundation, a solid, universally recognized project-oriented reality that grants over 90 million US Dollars every year in international scholarships, cultural exchanges and humanitarian assistance projects of various dimensions, aimed at improving the quality of life of millions of people. Rotary is widely recognized as the largest private provider of international scholarships.

Rotary also means End Polio Now, an ambitious program launched in 1985 and carried out in collaboration with the UN and the Gates foundation to completely eradicate polio.

Thanks to the subsidies provided by End Polio Now, over one billion children have been vaccinated so far in developing countries.

In addition, Rotary also means the New Generations Service Exchange program and the Youth Exchange, which involve more than ten thousand young people each year from every country in the world, who enrich their culture and knowledge through contacts with different realities.

**ROTARY MEANS SERVICE
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PROGRAM N.G.S.E. NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

For young people from 18 to 30 years old

ROTARY AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Rotary is the organization that has made youth involvement one of the cornerstones of its global action. Many Rotary activities are dedicated, in particular, to the support of the younger generations through the granting of scholarships and the promotion of youth programs, which constitute the fulcrum of dissemination of Rotarian values (friendship, diversity, integrity, service, leadership). Rotary recognizes the positive change implemented by children and young people through the development of leadership skills, action projects and exchange programs. Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, RYE (Youth Exchange Program) are the programs in which Rotarians invest enormous energies each year to involve young generations in Rotary values and above all to provide development opportunities to young people to recognize the importance of friendship among nations, international understanding and personal leadership development in the service of others. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program involves more than eight thousand young people every year from all over the world. Through their contacts with different countries, the participants enrich their culture and their knowledge, with live experiences that are so different from their own. The NGSE (New Generations Service Exchange) program is the latest initiative born within Rotary for young people and is dedicated, in particular, to supporting deserving young people who wish to approach the world of work through international experiences.

ROTARY DISTRICT 2041

Located in Northern Italy, on the border with Switzerland, District 2041 is the smallest Rotary Districts of Italy in land area, but undoubtedly among the most active and with the longest tradition in Rotary. The first Italian Rotary Club was born in Milan and from there, Rotary began to spread throughout the country. The territory includes the city of Milan, the metropolitan area of Milan and around it. It is a densely populated area of some 9 million inhabitants, very industrialized but with enchanting tourist spots and an intense cultural and artistic life. District 2041 comprise 46 Rotary Clubs with around 2,000 Rotarians and carry out solid activities aimed at New Generations. In fact, the two Districts have 18 Rotaract Clubs and 3 Interact Clubs, which are constantly supported and flanked by Rotary structures. Every year many initiatives specifically dedicated to young people are organized to accompany them first in their cultural and then in their professional growth.

For more than one year, District 2041 have also taken on a further program, the **New Generations Service Exchange - NGSE, dedicated to young people from 18 to 30 years old, who are entering or have just entered the world of work.**

THE PROGRAM NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

The New Generations Service Exchange is the most recent of the programs included in the Fifth Way of Action of Rotary International dedicated to New Generations and is aimed at "Young Adults", with the purpose of supporting them in their professional development and social interests, by providing the opportunity to learn about and experience the way of life, education system and business world of another country.

The NGSE program offers individual experiences, ideal for high school graduates or newly graduated university students, carefully selected by Rotary, based on their academic and professional profiles. With this program, the participants experience everyday life in another country through work experiences in different local realities, giving them a deeper awareness of themselves, others and the world. At the same time, families, guest districts and the whole community are culturally enriched by participation in the project and by friendly contact with people of different cultures and experiences. **The program offers the opportunity to participate as an "observer", without any form of remuneration, in significant business (and professional) realities of the hosting District.**

PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZATION

Rotary offers a complete organization service, with particular attention to matching the applicant with companies and host families. Matches with companies are suggested based essentially on the participant's course of study. The preferences expressed as destination country are taken into consideration even if, for organizational reasons and in consideration of the academic and professional profile of the young person, alternative goals may be proposed.

Participants are from 18 to 30 years old, and must be enrolled in university courses or have earned an equivalent degree or diploma.

Participants must be residents in the territory of the Rotary District 2041, which include Milan, the metropolitan area of Milan and must always be presented by a Rotary Club, even if their membership in Rotary is not required.

Participants are required to have a good knowledge of the language of the exchange country and / or of the English language and a good academic and / or professional résumé.

The NGSE program lasts for one to three months, depending on the availability of the hosting companies. The length of internship must be defined with the hosting District before the start of the exchange.



How much does it cost to attend the program

The participants admitted only have to pay the following costs:

- roundtrip to the host country;
- enrollment in the program which includes medical insurance.

The program participant can stay at private facilities or in host families identified by Rotary. Any possible costs for board and lodging at private facilities will be at his/her expense.

In which countries does the exchange take place

Worldwide (USA, Canada, South America, Taiwan, Mexico, South Africa, Europe ...) but the destination depends on the availability and résumé of the candidate.

Where will you stay

In Rotary and non-Rotary families or facilities, under the responsibility of the local Rotary Club.

Joining the program

Interested young people, residing in the territory of the Rotary District 2041, and with the appropriate qualifications, are invited to contact the district leaders of the NGSE program, by accessing the site www.ngse2041-2042.it and downloading the relevant forms, that have to be returned duly filled in to the references indicated on the site itself.

It is important to indicate the chosen country and the reason for your choice, which experience you wish to pursue, which skills you wish to develop, and attach your own résumé.