

Rural Youth Exchange Application Package – Applications close 5pm Friday 6th September 2019

General Information

Explaining this opportunity.....

Study Tours (Exchanges) are the opportunity of a lifetime! All eligible Rural Youth members can apply - as long as you will be older than 18 and younger than 30 during the exchange (with the exception of a Young Endeavour berth, see information over the page).

For all international Exchanges, your airfares are paid for by generous Rural Youth sponsors. We will assist you with your travel plans and communicating with your destination. You are hosted by members of the associated organisations, which means that most accommodation, transfers and meals are at no cost to you. You'll experience rural life in another country, not just the tourist hot spots! A berth on the Young Endeavour is also paid for by a generous Rural Youth sponsor.

If experiencing another culture, travel and opportunity to meet lifelong friends appeals to you, then a Rural Youth Study Tour might be just what you're looking for. Keep reading!

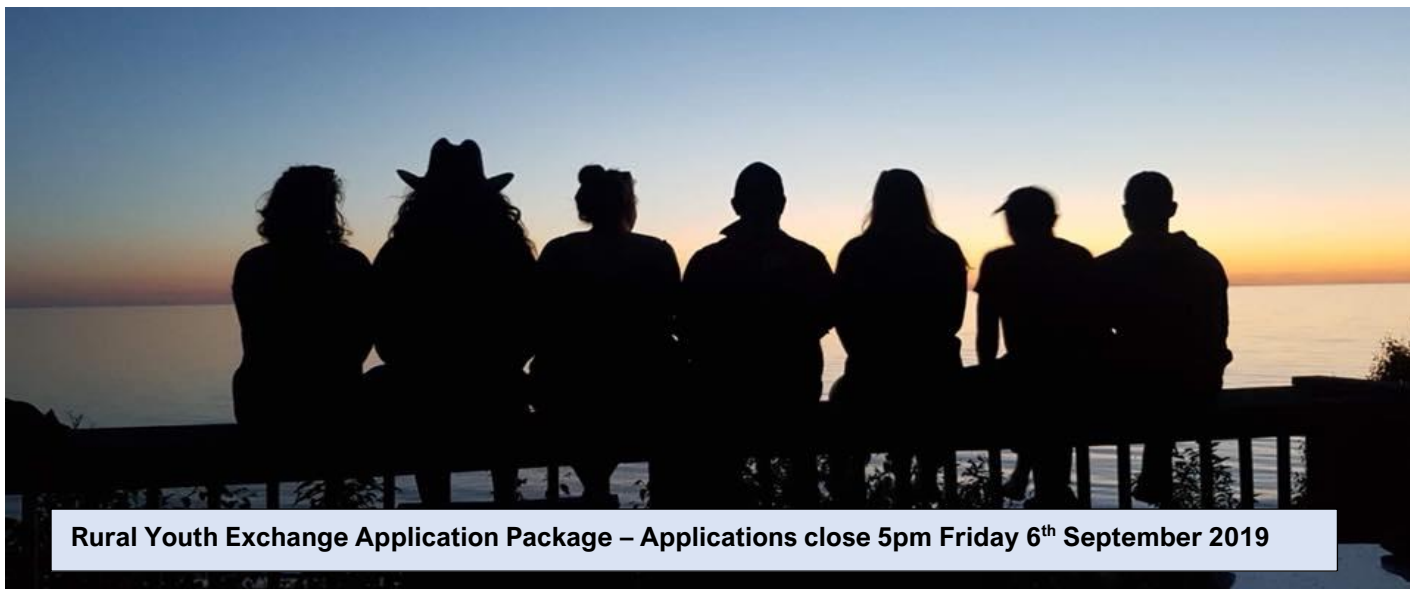
You will be responsible for organising your own passport and visa, as well as health and travel insurance, and making your flight arrangements, but we will assist every step of the way, and you can opt to be included in our Rural Youth travel insurance policy. You will also need to research and organise relevant vaccinations and medicals if required.

You'll need to take along your own spending money and a desire to have a whole load of fun and make some fabulous new mates!

How do I apply?

1. Complete the application form in this package, and send it in to Head Office, 62 York Street Launceston, ensuring it arrives no later than 5pm on Friday 6th September 2019.
2. Attend the Selection Day on Saturday 14th September 2019 – to be held at Woolmers Estate, 658 Woolmers Lane, Longford. You will need to arrive by 9.45am to find the rest of the group - we have booked the board room and general research room for the whole day. During the course of the day there will be a group tour of the estate, after which you will be required to write a report on the tour. You will be interviewed by the judges, and quizzed on general, agricultural and Rural Youth knowledge. You will also be required to do a presentation/demonstration – this needs to be completely self-sufficient – ie; you need to bring along all items required and pack up upon completion.

Demonstration shall go for a maximum of 10 minutes with an intent to inform the judges about what you are doing and any details of why you conduct particular parts of the process. Judges may ask questions. Some examples to consider are listed below, but remember to talk about something that you are familiar with or have good knowledge on.



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- Swag Rolling: The key important issues of rolling the swag should be discussed including placement of bedding, neatness of rolling and tightening of straps.
- Maintenance of a Nail Gun: Key safety aspects to make sure nobody could be harmed during maintenance, removal of particular parts and what are the key items that require regular maintenance.
- Wiring up of spotlights to a vehicle: Details of main connections to the battery and switches and any safety considerations.
- Flower arrangement: Reasons for selecting particular flowers and how the arrangement is prepared or tied. Manners in which life of the flower arrangement can be extended.
- Preparing a Spreadsheet of Business Report: Details of why you are formatting details as required and or tricks that help speed the process.

Lunch will be provided. The day will conclude by approx.. 4.00pm.

3. Attend the AGM Dinner on Saturday 21st September 2019, at Quercus Park. Study Tour recipients will be announced during the evening at the dinner. Refer to advertised AGM information for details of this event.

Self Nominated Study Tours 2020:

The Self Nominated Study Tour must have educational or industry relevance. You will need to provide information on how attending the proposed event will benefit you in this.

For example; you could attend a Jack/Jillaroo School or a Leadership Course, Rural Youth will contribute \$550.00 towards the cost of the proposed Study Tour, with any cost over this amount to be provided by yourself, including airfares, and accommodation if applicable.

National Study Tours:

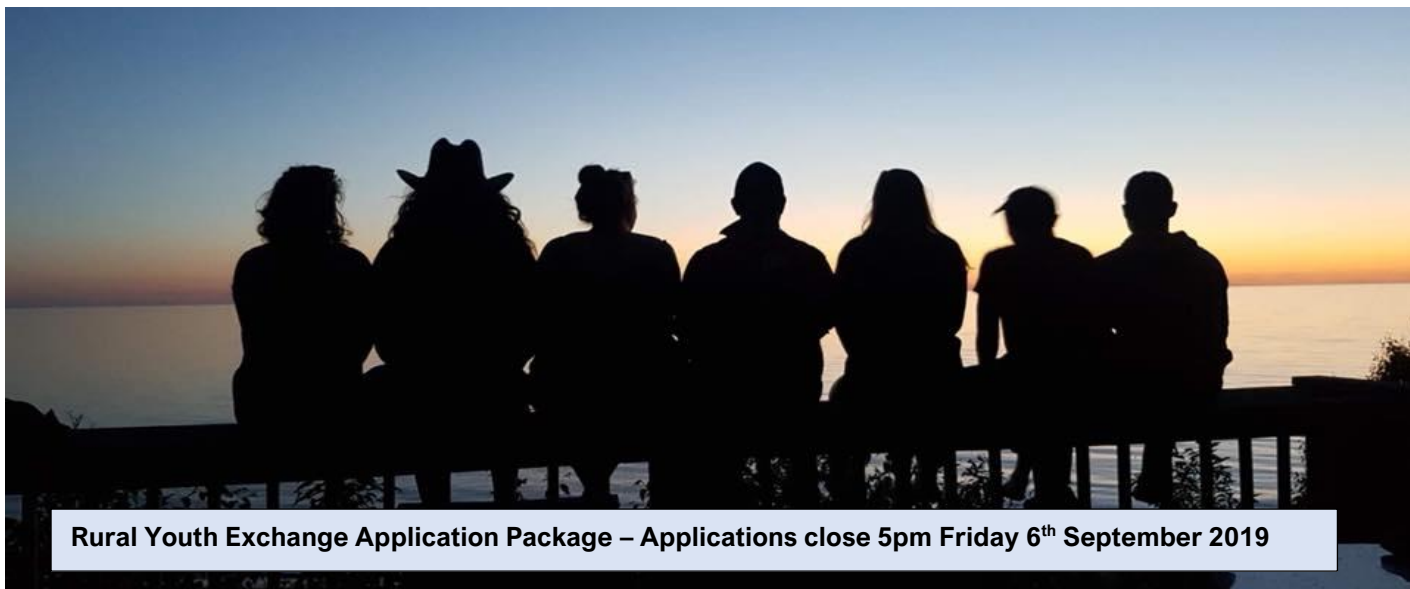
The 2020 National Rural Youth Study Tour opportunities are:

- Young Endeavour (*applicant must be under 23 years of age as at date of voyage*)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (*held in mid-May, in Ulverstone*)

International Study Tours:

For 2020 we have the following International Rural Youth Study Tours;

- UK/Wales/Scotland/Ireland (*leaving mid-May for up to 9 weeks*)
- United States (*duration up to 3 months*)
- Canada (*duration up to 3 months*)



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Requirements:

- Applicants should be aged over 18 years old, and under 30 years old, as at time of travel, with the exception of Young Endeavour voyages, where you must be aged under 23 years for the voyage.
- If selected for an international study tour, you will be required to attend a 1-day or evening briefing early in 2020.
- Hosting an exchangee from overseas is also a condition of the study tour programme, and it is expected that if you are successful, you should host for at least two years upon your return.
- Having hosted an exchangee before will strengthen your application.
- During your study tour, you will be required to send regular progress reports as directed, of a quality suitable for submission, including photos, to Head Office for inclusion in the Newsletter. You will also be required to send your final report to Head Office, as well as your sponsor.
- Upon your return, you may be required to attend club meetings or Rural Youth events/functions to talk about your experiences as a Rural Youth exchangee.

The following will be taken into account in determining the overall success of your application:

- Length of membership in Rural Youth, participation in RY events and competitions, and service to the organisation
- Having previously hosted an overseas exchangee
- Personality
- Knowledge of Rural Youth, as well as general knowledge, including general agricultural knowledge
- Ability to write reports, and speak at meetings and events

Please retain the top **THREE** sheets of this application package for your own information.

Complete the following three application pages, and return to Rural Youth Head Office, **no later than**

5pm on Friday 6th September 2019

2020 Rural Youth Study Tour Application Form

SECTION 1 : PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POST CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ MOBILE PHONE NO: _____

YEAR FIRST JOINED RURAL YOUTH: _____ DO YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGIES: YES NO

If YES, please give full details: _____

Have you been awarded a Rural Youth Study Tour in the past YES NO

If YES, which one/s: _____

Below are the Rural Youth Study Tour opportunities for 2020, please select your options numbered in preferential order. If you cannot take an international study tour if offered this, please indicate here:

Cross out the relevant option:

I CAN / CANNOT accept an international Study Tour, with minimum duration of nine weeks in 2020.

Self Nominated Study Tour:

_____ (list title of self-nomination)

DURATION: _____ LOCATION: _____

National Study Tours:

Young Endeavour (approx.. 11 days, must be under 23 years of age at date of voyage)

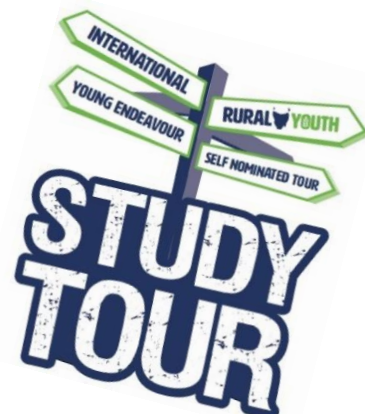
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (one week, held in May, at Ulverstone)

International Study Tours

UK/Wales/Scotland/Ireland (from mid-April, 9 weeks)

United States (duration up to 3 months)

Canada (duration up to 3 months)



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SECTION 2 : REASONS FOR EXCHANGE

1. Please clearly indicate your reasons for your 1st preference:

2. Please state in no more than 50 words, why you feel you should be awarded an exchange:

3. If successful, what do you hope to gain from your exchange?

4. Present Occupation: _____

	YES	NO
If employed, has your employer agreed that you can have a leave of absence if successful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree to make yourself available to Rural Youth upon your return, to address meetings on your experiences while on exchange?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree to send Head Office, and your sponsor, process reports as directed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree to undertake hosting an overseas exchangee in your home, for at least two years after your return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If selected, do you agree to attend a briefing session?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you hosted an overseas exchangee in previous years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SECTION 3 : BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Do you speak any other languages?

2. Give a brief outline of your education and training after Primary School.

3. Which club activities, and Rural Youth competitions and events do you take part in?

4. Have you held any office bearer roles in your club, or the organisation, and if so, which ones?

5. What are your interests and hobbies outside of Rural Youth?

6. Do you belong to any other organisation or club?

7. What is your rural background, if any?

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

Make sure you send your complete your application in full, and send in to Rural Youth Head Office, PO Box 322, Launceston Tas 7250, or scan and email it to admin@ruralyouth.com.au no later than 5pm on Friday 6th September 2019.

Be available to attend the Study Tours Selection Day on Saturday 14th September 2019, and attend the AGM Dinner on Saturday 21st September 2019.

If you have any questions at all about the process, please contact Head Office on 6331 6154.

