



Youth Exchange Program

Open to groups of youth ages 12-18* and chaperones!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- We'll twin you with a compatible group or you can suggest your own
- Each group's travel costs covered!
- Applications accepted year round

**For those over 18, some conditions apply.*



Now in its 87th year, our Youth Exchange program offers life-changing experiences, enabling youth to build self-confidence; develop skills; form new friendships; and inspire them to become more actively engaged in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to groups of 10-30 youth aged 12-18* and their chaperone

How the Exchange works

- Once your group identifies preferred travel dates & theme – we match you with a compatible group (twin) based on age and group size
- Each exchange is one week, including round trip travel to and from your twin’s city
- Various themes are available including language, sports, music, and history
- Applications are accepted year-round, but we encourage your group to apply ASAP for a greater chance of securing your exchange and desired twin community

What we finance

- We cover all group travel costs from your community to your twin group - includes land transfers.

Additional Costs

- A membership fee of \$250 per group is required with the request to participate
- A registration fee of \$250 per person is requested after the group has returned its signed Agreement
- Hosting-related expenses such as local transportation to events, supply teachers and activity costs while hosting the twin group or as agreed upon between the two organizers.

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Pre-Exchange Activities

Once confirmed for an exchange, we guide you through the process and provide you with online training modules and support to ensure your group is well versed in what it takes to ensure your exchange is a success.

For both groups to get to know a little more about each other and the communities they will be visiting, Experiences Canada has developed interactive pre-exchange activities. These virtual connections help youth participants, and their Group Organizers get acquainted before they meet in person.

Requirements and Considerations

- To ensure the safety and the security of all participants, all volunteers, and adults over the age of 18 living in the host family household are required to provide a clear police record and vulnerable sector checks.
- A group must have a minimum of eight youth and two adults; our chaperone ration is one adult for every 10 children.
- To accommodate the activities while hosting your twin, many groups organize fundraising to help cover the costs of local travel to events, activities, and excursions.

We encourage the participation of youth who have traditionally been under-represented in exchanges: Indigenous, special needs and/or disabilities, low-income households, visible minorities

Funding an exchange is subject to the applicant entering into a [Participation Agreement*](#) with Experiences Canada.

We invite you to review our [FAQ](#) for more details.



Apply now!

If you're ready to apply, we encourage you to complete our [Application Guide](#).

If you would like to connect with us, we're happy to help!

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Experiences Canada is a national registered charity dedicated to providing Canadian youth lived experiences to enhance their skills, confidence and understanding of Canada. We do this through reciprocal exchanges across the country, as well as a diversity of educational events, tools and learning resources on a range of themes including careers, and financial literacy. More than 420,000 youth from all provinces and territories have participated in our bilingual programs and events.

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