



Youth Exchange Program

Open to groups of 10-60 youth
aged 12-17 and their chaperones!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Receive government-supported funding - group travel costs are covered
- ✓ We'll twin you with a compatible group or you can suggest your own
- ✓ Applications accepted year-round

Funded by the Government of Canada





For 89 years, Experiences Canada has been offering youth opportunities to explore Canada in ways they never imagined. Reciprocal Youth Exchanges offer life-changing experiences: enabling young Canadians to build personal skills and self-confidence; form new friendships; deepen their knowledge of a second language, of other histories and cultures, and inspire them to become more actively engaged in their communities.

How the Youth Exchange Program works:

- Once your group identifies preferred travel dates & theme – we match you with a compatible group (your “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, history, and Indigenous cultural
- Applications accepted year-round, but you must apply for an exchange a minimum of 60 days before your desired travel date.
 - **June 30** – application deadline for travel before December 1
 - **October 31** – application deadline for travel before April 30

What we fund:

- Roundtrip Transportation - air, bus, and train - from your community to your twin group
- Transportation to and from the airport is covered.
- Limited additional funding is available for special measures

Additional costs:

- A membership fee of \$250 per group is required with the request to participate
- A registration fee of \$250 per person is required after the group has returned its signed Agreement
- Groups must cover 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.



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 check.
- A group must have a minimum of ten youth; our chaperone ration is one adult for every 10 youth.
- 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 invite you to review our online [FAQ](#) for more details.

Special Measures Funding

We strongly believe that all youth should have equal access to participation in Experiences Canada Exchanges. As such we provide limited funding to support the inclusion of youth with special needs or disabilities, from low-income households, rural or isolated areas, and other needs on a case-by-case basis. To access this limited funding, an application for special measures funding must be submitted to Experiences Canada once your exchange has been confirmed.

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



Apply today to secure funding for your Youth Exchange!

If you're ready to apply, we encourage you to visit: experiencescanada.ca/exchanges/

If you would like to connect with us, please email: info@experiencescanada.ca

Experiences Canada

Experiences Canada is a national registered charity that helps young Canadians to explore their country in ways they never may have imagined through reciprocal exchanges, forums, conferences and other opportunities to travel and connect with one another. More than 420,000 youth from all provinces and territories have participated in our bilingual programs and events since we began over 89 years ago.