

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – January 24th, 2010

The Lions Youth Exchange Committee has reviewed and accepted 6 applications for our District Youth Exchange Scholarship. Each of the 6 candidates completed an application by December 11th 2009 that included 3 letters of recommendation and the completion of 3 short essays. Along with these requirements each candidate must have a direct family relationship with a member of a Lions Club or be a current member of a Leo Club. The scholarship amount for 2009/10 is \$800 per individual (pending receipt of international applications and final approval).

The Scholarship Recipients are as follows:

Name	Country Preferences	Sponsoring Lions Club/Leo
Alex August*	Italy, Ireland, Switzerland	Token Creek
Amy Brogley	Undecided	Cuba City (Leo)
Abby Kauk	Undecided	Albany
Justin Lyons*	England, Australia, Switzerland	Cuba City (Leo)
Katelyn Kirkpatrick*	Italy, Sweden, Germany	Beloit (Leo)
Amy Thiboldeaux	France	Madison West (Leo)

*All international application materials have been received.

Along with outgoing youth, we are currently seeking HOST FAMILIES to participate in the program. Our district is responsible for hosting ~5 international youth. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-20) into your home for about 4-5 weeks (of which one week the youth spend at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting usually occurs through the month of July. A list of international youth applicants is available at the Wisconsin Lions International Youth Exchange Program web site <http://www.wilions.org/youthexchange/>. The applications are password protected so please contact me directly (contact info below) and I will guide you to the applications.

Host Family Grant Program. Initiated last year at the request of a long standing Lions host family is a host family grant (of up to \$200) to help absorb the costs associated with the YE family hosting. Applications for the Host family grant can be downloaded from the website below. This program is pending fund availability.

Finances/Budget

So far this year (08-09), we've collected **\$4145.00** directly from club donations.

Our total account balance is **\$9228.80** which includes carryover from previous years.

Our budgeted expenses include our portion of the International Youth Exchange Camp Cost (1/10th of the total costs =total divided by each lions district) **\$1700**, 6 - \$800 scholarships (**\$4800**) and possibly 5 x \$200 (**\$1000**) host family grants.

Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 09-10 International Youth Exchange Program = \$7500.00

Our district committee has 4 representatives: Terry Miller, Dave Peltier, Ben August & Rob Perkins

It is a pleasure serving on this committee and participating in a program that satisfies the first objective of the Lions **"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world"**

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Youth Exchange Committee Chair

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