

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – January 22nd, 2012

The Lions Youth Exchange Committee has reviewed and accepted 3 applications for our District Youth Exchange Scholarship. Each of the 3 candidates completed an application by December 15th 2011 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 2011-12 is \$1000 per individual.

The Scholarship Recipients are as follows:

Name	Country Preferences	Sponsoring Lions Club
Sadee Sterling	Iceland	Pardeeville
Jacob Wilkinson	Italy	Stoughton
Megan Kirkpatrick	Italy	Beloit
Amber Wagner*	Italy	Token Creek

*Did not qualify for the District Scholarship because they didn't have a direct family relationship with a Lions Club or Leo Club but is still participating in the exchange program.

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 16-18) 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.

Finances/Budget

Club donations **\$4869.00.**

Carryover from previous years = **\$3319.80**

Host family stipend (\$300)

Account total = **\$7888.80**

Estimated Expenses:

Scholarships \$3000 (3x\$1000)

District camp fee \$1700

Host Family Stipends \$750 (\$150/family x 5 families)

27-D1 Madison Field Trip Camp Meal Reimbursement - \$200

Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 08-09 International Youth Exchange Program = \$5650

Youth Exchange Club Recognition Patched given out at District Convention 2012

Our district committee has 3 representatives: Terry Miller, Dave Peltier and Ben August.

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"**

