

An Opportunity
for Rotarians
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Canadian
Youth



Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program

April 29 - May 2, 2018

The Event

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves, they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.



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The Program

The program evolves from year to year in response to the changing political agenda of the country and to new opportunities.

The following is a brief description of a typical program:

Day 1: The Adventure begins with introductions and our opening plenary session with a keynote speaker. After lunch, the Adventurers will enjoy a tour of the city and its many historical sites, followed by a visit to a national museum. The first day will end in the Province of Quebec with a French Canadian traditional dinner and music provided by a group of Quebec fiddlers.

Day 2: The students will spend the morning in discussions with the Speaker and staff members of the House of Commons and tour the Parliament Buildings. They prepare for debates later in the day. The afternoon program will include an opportunity to meet with Foreign and Canadian Diplomats from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The evening ends with an informal supper and an Adventurer run talent show highlighting the student's diverse talents!

Day 3: Students spend the morning discussing the importance of social engagement. They will interact with local Rotaractors as well as national and international leaders in social justice. After lunch, there will be an interactive presentation on human rights, and peace and conflict resolution. The day will close with a dinner/dance

Day 4: The Adventurers will attend a special sitting of the Citizenship Court where they will have the privilege of participating in and witnessing new Canadians receiving their citizenship. The program will close with a farewell lunch where our guest speakers are the Adventurers themselves (representatives from each province and territory). The students are joined by our host families and other dignitaries for our final farewell.

The Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship Award:

"The mission of the Young Citizens Foundation is to assist young Canadians to grow and mature as committed, knowledgeable and contributing Canadian citizens. The Foundation achieves this objective by encouraging young Canadians to participate in development programs operated by nationally recognized organizations such as Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship, that provide life-learning opportunities for our youth which will significantly influence and benefit their development as committed Canadian citizens. Participation in these organizations develops leadership skills, exposes students to the various citizenship ideals that the country values and provides some very positive mentoring.

The provision of post-secondary scholarships will enable these students to continue their education so that they can achieve positions of leadership in their communities, regionally and nationally. The Foundation also wants to provide an opportunity for those individuals, corporations and organizations that wish to assist the Foundation in this worthwhile endeavor to donate to a well-managed, cost-effective, non-profit charitable foundation.

The Young Citizens Foundation will partner with us to offer three deserving participants in the Adventure in Citizenship program a \$1,000.00 scholarship for first year tuition.

We encourage all Rotary Clubs in Canada to familiarize yourself with the goals of the Young Citizens Foundation by visiting their website www.youngcitizensfoundation.ca and to consider supporting the Young Citizens Foundation in this initiative."