



AN INVESTMENT IN CANADIAN YOUTH BY THE ROTARY CLUBS OF CANADA



ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM APRIL 26 – APRIL 29, 2020

THE ADVENTURE

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a select 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.

A consistently positive response to this program is the value attached to the opportunity to meet their peers from across Canada. The discovery that Canadians hold much more in common than the matters that divide us.

ELIGIBILITY

The Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program is open to students ages 16-18 years with excellent potential to become community leaders and are representatives of all religious and cultural communities that comprise the Canadian Society. The program is intended for Canadian Citizens or those who hold landed immigrant status. (This program is not open to Foreign Exchange Students).

PROGRAM COST

The program is completely administered by Rotary Club of Ottawa members, keeping program expenses low. Each student is sponsored in total by their local Rotary Club. The sponsoring Club is expected to cover the Registration Fee of \$675.00 plus all travel costs to and from Ottawa.



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A TYPICAL 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. The afternoon includes a visit to the Canadian War Museum and speakers from the "Witness to History" forum. The first day will end in the Province of Quebec with a French Canadian traditional dinner and dance.

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. The afternoon program includes an interactive discussion and debate on a topical subject. The evening ends with an informal supper and an Adventurer run talent show highlighting the students' diverse talents!

DAY 3

The day starts with a tour of the University of Ottawa for a firsthand look at what a university can offer. The remainder of the day is devoted to Indigenous issues and discussions. 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.

WHILE IN OTTAWA

The Rotary Club of Ottawa is responsible for any costs incurred for accommodation, meals and transport of the participants during the program in the national capital. Host Families will be provided in the national capital area beginning on the day of arrival through to the end of the program. The Host Family provides bed and breakfast and ensures that the student is transported to and from the program daily. *There will always be two or more participants placed with each vetted Host Family. The names, addresses and phone numbers of the Host Family will be supplied directly to the student prior to their departure for Ottawa.*

HOW TO PROCEED WITH YOUR CLUB'S REGISTRATION

Apply for a reservation in the 2020 Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program by submitting a Reservation Form (either online directly or by mail). Club Reservation Forms are available from our website www.rotaryottawa.com. The full Registration fee of \$675.00 fee must be received by the deadline of **December 13, 2019**. (Only the first 200 clubs can be accepted).

You will receive an "Acceptance Package" by **January 10, 2020** which will contain the necessary documents for you to proceed with your selection of a candidate.

The name of your candidate must be provided to the Rotary Club of Ottawa no later than **March 7, 2020**. All required forms for your student applicant to complete will be supplied to you with your "Acceptance Package".

A Club may sponsor only one student. *We reserve the right to limit the number of applications from any region of Canada in the interests of maintaining a reasonable geographical balance.*



“ Thank you for making this opportunity possible. I had an amazing time learning, experiencing and meeting new people. I've made so many new connections and friends through AIC (Adventure in Citizenship). I can't wait to put everything we've learned into action. AIC has inspired me to do so much and taught me that I am capable of so much more than I thought I was. This experience is more than an adventure. It is an opportunity to inspire and be inspired and truly become Canadian. It is the experience of a lifetime”

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