

214 YOUTH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM - YEEP and SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM - STEP

HERE'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN

1966 - Ingemar Wahlstrom of Sweden has a dream - Why not start a program to exchange students in Y's Men's families?

1972 - A daughter of a Swedish Y's Man becomes the first International Exchange student when she goes to a Y's Man's family in St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A.

1973 - Swedish Y's Men's families become hosts to two International Exchange students; a Y's Man's son from New Brunswick, Canada and a Y's Man's daughter from St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A.

1974 - YEEP is approved at the International Convention in Washington, D.C. as an official Y's Men's program.

1979 - Twenty-seven students are exchanged; all seven areas and 12 countries are involved.

1983 - Thirty-five students are placed.

Y'S MEN'S YEEP PROGRAM OPENS UP EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR...

People to people understanding.

Excellent educational benefits.

Establishing international friendship.

Learning about and becoming part of a new culture.

Doing the things you may have only dreamed about.

Sharing your home and family experiences.

YEEP IS A PROGRAM FOR...

Host families who will house a student from overseas.

Y's Men's families who want to give their students the advantage of an unforgettable experience. High School students in Y's Men's families (preferably 16-18 years old or recent graduates) who can profit from exposure to a different culture. Y's Men's clubs looking for ways to promote international understanding and world peace.

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YEEP HOST FAMILIES...

Accept the student as a member of the family by providing room and board with a private bed, participation in all family activities, and a sharing of family duties.

Provide opportunities for the student to attend church and participate in youth activities with church young people.

Make arrangements for student to attend school and participate in school activities.

Introduce the student to members of the Y's Men's club and YMCA activities.

Provide pictures and a resume of family interests.

Have the happiest relationship if a child in the family is about the same age.

Try to meet the student at the Y's Men's International convention.

Should verify if student is covered for medical expense.

Should check if tax benefit is available having a dependent student in your homes.

YEEP STUDENTS AND THEIR NATURAL FAMILIES...

Buy round trip plane tickets.

Provide clothing.

Provide passports and other necessary legal papers.

Provide spending money. The amount will vary according to the part of the world the student is going to.

Cooperate with the host family in the best interests of the student.

Are willing to study and become a part of a new culture.

Provide pictures for host family and a resume of activities and interests.

Bring back a report to the home club.

Try to meet the host family at the Y's Men's International convention.

THE HOST Y'S MEN'S CLUB...

Adopts the student as a member of a Y's Man's family.

Exchanges bulletins and other information with the sponsor Y's Men's Club.

Takes the student to District and Regional activities.

May provide the student with a YMCA Membership.

Entertains the student in their homes and in family activities.

Encourages students to speak about their home countries at a club program.

Provides opportunities for students to speak at other club meetings in the area.

THE SPONSOR Y'S MEN'S CLUB...

Recruits YEEP candidates among members' families.

Arranges interviews and screens candidates.

Pays a registration fee of 50 Swiss francs to Y's Men International.

Provides public relations material (slides, photographs, brochures, etc.) for students to use while abroad.

Maintains contact with student while abroad.

Arranges for student to speak at club meeting and conventions after return home.

For further information refer to the booklet from International-

"Youth Educational Exchange Program: Welcome to Your New Home"

SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM - STEP

The STEP program is similar to the YEEP program except that the STEP program is of a duration of approximately 6 weeks whereas the YEEP is approximately one year.

For more information see the website: www.ysmen.org
or contact your Regional Service Director for YEEP or STEP.

