

APPLICATION FOR THE ROTARY EXCHANGE TO ARGENTINA

Since 1992, the Blue Ridge Rotary Club of Albemarle County has sponsored an exchange between students from Piedmont Virginia Community College and the Escuela Técnica Otto Krause in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Typically, one or two Otto Krause students spend six weeks in Charlottesville beginning in mid-January, and PVCC students study in Buenos Aires for approximately six weeks beginning in May immediately following graduation. Visiting students from Otto Krause stay at the homes of Rotary members, while PVCC students are hosted by the most recent Argentinian exchange students themselves. At each host academic institution, classes are chosen based on student interest and institutional approval. In neither case is academic credit given for the classes attended, nor is a fee charged.

Round trip airfare for PVCC students is provided by the Blue Ridge Rotary Club, which also makes the necessary arrangements with the two educational institutions involved. Its objective is to provide an outstanding educational, cultural, and social experience for both the American and Argentinian students. Students, in turn, must provide health, accident, and liability insurance in amounts that equal or exceed the minimum coverage required for youth exchange programs by Rotary International. Students must also provide an adequate spending allowance for the duration of the trip for lunches, transport, gifts and other incidentals.

The selection of the PVCC exchange students is the joint responsibility of PVCC and the Blue Ridge Rotary Club. PVCC will select the strongest applications and forward them to the Rotary Club. Club members will review the applications and decide whom they wish to interview. Interviews will take place in January with a view to making a final decision as early in the semester as possible.

To qualify for the exchange, a PVCC student must

- **be presently enrolled and have completed a minimum of 9 credit hours at PVCC by the time of the trip;**
- **be of traditional college age (21 or younger); and**
- **demonstrate intermediate (or higher) proficiency in Spanish (i.e. SPA 202).**

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Name of applicant: _____

Social security number: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Area of study at PVCC: _____

Spanish courses completed: _____

Science/technology courses completed: _____

If currently enrolled in a Spanish course, which one? _____

1. Please attach a typed **letter** explaining briefly:

- why you are a good candidate for the Rotary scholarship;
- the benefit you expect to derive from living and studying in Argentina, i.e. what personal, academic, and/or career goals it would help you to achieve;
- how you expect to apply the knowledge you have gained when you return.
(You may include here your ideas about sharing your experience with other PVCC students.)

2. Please submit also:

- a current **transcript**;
- **two letters of recommendation** from faculty members or members of the community who know you well. (Please request your letters in a timely manner.)

I understand all the conditions of the exchange program outlined above and agree to abide by them.

(Signature)

(Date)

Please submit your application by the end of the Fall semester, to my mailbox in the Humanities & Fine Arts office, 316 Dickinson.

For further information, please contact Spanish professor Kit Decker, 209 Dickinson, 961-5373, kdecker@pvcc.edu.