



# ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM



**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**  
**MAY 23 – 27, 2026**

## THE ADVENTURE

The Rotary Club of Ottawa has been inviting young Canadians to the nation's capital for the Adventure in Citizenship (AIC) program since 1951! Through connecting with and learning from political and community leaders, students gain important insights into the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, the workings of our democratic institutions and the issues affecting Canada and Canadians today. By interacting with their peers from across the country, they learn more about the rich diversity of Canada and the shared values that connect us all.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (AIC) is open to students aged 16 to 18 years who have already shown leadership potential and who reflect the many cultural communities of Canadian society. The student is a Canadian citizen or holds landed immigrant status.

## PROGRAM COST

The program is administered by Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Ottawa who work hard to create an excellent program at the lowest possible cost. This is not a fundraiser for the club. The sponsoring Rotary Club is asked to cover the registration fee of \$975 along with the travel costs to and from Ottawa. The AIC program covers all transportation costs within Ottawa to and from the airport, train station and to / from all program events.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

The program evolves from year to year in response to changes in the country and the opportunities available. Typically, the program includes: a visit to the House of Commons and a presentation from the Speaker; meetings with indigenous and local leaders; and, engaging presentations from keynote speakers on topics of national interest. Other typical activities include a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony, a visit to the Canadian Museum of History, a talent show, and a trip into Quebec for a traditional French-Canadian dance and meal. There is also ample time and opportunity for the students to get to know each other and build a better appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity in Canada.

## WHILE IN OTTAWA

The Rotary Club of Ottawa provides all accommodation, meals, and transportation of the participants during the program in Ottawa. Student dormitory accommodation is provided at one of our two local Universities. The Rotary Club of Ottawa follows the safety standard established by Rotary International for hosting programs involving youth, and provides supervision and support throughout the day and night.

## REGISTRATION

Firstly, apply for a reservation in the 2026 Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program by completing and submitting the online AIC 2026 Reservation Form. Club Reservation Forms are available from our website <https://rotaryottawa.com/>.

Secondly, your reservation is confirmed only with **payment of the registration fee of \$975.00 by December 31, 2025**. Payment is accepted in the following ways:

- 1) **E-transfer to:**  
**treasurer.ottawarotary@gmail.com**
- 2) **Cheque payable to:**  
Rotary Club of Ottawa Charity Fund, c/o Margot Nicholls,  
Box 553, Russell, Ontario K4R 1E7

You will get an “Acceptance Email” (by **January 15, 2026**) from us with the documents and forms you’ll use to select your student candidate.

Thirdly, **select a candidate by March 31, 2026**. Some clubs do so through local competitions, interviews, or other means, such as working with the local high school(s).

Note: we strive to have a broad diversity of students participating which may affect how we ultimately select which applications to accept. We also may need to limit the number of applications from any region of Canada in the interests of maintaining a reasonable geographical balance.

We look forward to your participation in this wonderful adventure – now in its 75<sup>th</sup> year!



A visit to the House of Commons