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Dear Council Members:

Re: Request for Sponsorship – International Exchange Opportunity

My name is Brook Sallstrom. I am currently a grade 10 student at St. Paul Regional High School.

On August 20th, of this year, I will undertake a great adventure as an international student in Ireland for five months. I have always been interested in experiencing other cultures and travelling, and in particular, living in another country as part of the community and part of a family.

While the financial cost of my exchange is large, I have always been encouraged to follow my dreams. It is my request, and my hope that you may help me in reaching my goal by providing monetary assistance to assist with covering the cost of the exchange and travel.

The total cost of the exchange, through YES Canada Student Exchange Program, for a five month period to Ireland is \$12,880.00. I have been granted a \$1,750.00 Scholarship, as a hosting family to a young teenager from another country. To date, with my parents, I have paid \$5,156.50. My outstanding balance remains \$5,973.50. This cost does not include my flight, which will range from \$1,500 - \$1,800.

I ask that you take my letter to your board for consideration. Should you wish to learn more about me, or my exchange, I would be very interested in providing that to you. I could also arrange to meet with you, at your convenience should that opportunity be available to me. Please feel free to contact me at: (780) 646-6189.

As well, the St. Paul Education Regional Division International Education Coordinator, is assisting me in preparing for this educational experience. Sheila Parks would also be willing to meet with us, or answer any questions or concerns you may have. Sheila's Phone #: (day) 780-645-5311; (cell) 780-614-1304.

It has been proven that youth who take part in international travel and education are better prepared for and more interested in the world around them. They are more likely to further their education and become contributing members and volunteers within their communities.

Thank-you so much for your consideration of my request. I look forward to hearing from you.

In appreciation,

Brooke Sallstrom, Student

Sheila Parks, International Education Coordinator, St. Paul Education Regional School Division #1.