

## Student's Role

1. Students must abide by the decisions and rules of the Rotary youth exchange program. Rotary assigns each student a host country.

2. Students are expected to obey the laws of the host country at all times and accept the discipline of the host school and host families. Students are expected to adapt to the home environment of the host families – the host families are under no obligation to adapt themselves to the student. Students must be of help to the host family by taking on some duties of the family (i.e. wash dishes, clean room, etc.). Student should be part of the family...not a guest.

3. Students are ambassadors for their home country and must at all times behave in a manner which will reflect credit on his or her family, community, and country. Students will take home those impressions and experiences that will further international understanding, i.e., not being critical of conditions or philosophies uncommon to their native land.

4. Students should learn both conversational and written language of the country where hosted as much as possible prior to departure.

5. Students must return to their home country after the termination of their exchange year. Visitation by parents and other families members during the exchange year is strongly discouraged; this is the student's time.

6. Each student must attend school regularly and maintain passing grades while on exchange. Rotary functions and exceptional educational events approved by the hosting Rotary club should be attended.

## Parents' Role

1. Parents will pay a lump sum amount for the exchange. Since this rate will vary with time, the current figure will be provided by your Rotary representative. The lump sum amount will be paid in three equal payments in December, March, and June.

2. The lump sum will cover expenses for: one round-trip coach airline ticket to the host country, visa expenses, a blazer, personal business cards, patches, pins, basic slide show, medical insurance, and language classes (in the host country).

3. The lump sum does not cover the emergency fund that each student is asked to bring with them when they arrive in their host country. The emergency fund is deposited with Rotary in the host country and is to be used only for emergency purposes. If the emergency fund is not used, Rotary returns the money to the student.

4. The lump sum does not cover the student's personal needs such as clothing, travel expenses in the host country, passport, spending money, gifts, film, etc. These expenditures are the responsibility of the student.

5. If the student cannot continue in the exchange program for some reason the lump sum may be refunded after selection depending on the circumstances. Once the student departs for the exchange and host country, there will be no refunds.

6. Students chosen as alternates will be asked to make a deposit with their long form application. Should they not be selected to participate, their deposit will be refunded.

7. Parents and families of students selected for youth exchange are encouraged to host an incoming student. There is no obligation, but it is an incredible experience for the whole family.

## Timetables

1. Short Form Applications must be completed in detail and received by the District 5010 Rotary Youth Exchange Northern Area Coordinator by the due date on the front of this brochure.

2. Rotary will interview students and their parents, jointly and separately, after the Short Form Applications are received. All applicants will be interviewed. Rotary will select students to represent participating Fairbanks area Rotary clubs as "outbound students" for the upcoming exchange year. Rotary may also select an alternate student. Attendance at the interview session is required for the student and the parents.

3. After a student is selected and assigned a sponsoring Rotary Club, he or she will prepare the Long Form Application with the assistance of the sponsoring club.

4. All outbound students attend an orientation in January. The outbound student's expenses are paid by Rotary. Orientation covers the many aspects of the youth exchange program. It is also an opportunity for the outbound students to meet the current inbound students from other countries living in Alaska and the Yukon Territory and some of the students who have recently returned home from their exchange year. Host country assignments are made at this orientation.

5. Additional orientations for both parents and students will be held before the student departs, including a meeting with the travel agents.

6. Outbound students will depart for their host countries in July or August following their application year, and stay 10-11 months in their host country.

# SHORT FORM APPLICATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please prepare type written responses to each of the following questions and attach your responses to this application. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The interview committee is interested in getting to know you a little better before the interviews so well thought out responses are appreciated.

1. Why do you want to be a Rotary Exchange Student?
2. What are your strengths? Your weaknesses (areas for improvement)?
3. What is your biggest accomplishment in life? Your biggest disappointment?
4. What other activities (community, church, school, etc.) are you involved in?
5. What are your long-term goals (i.e. what do you want to do when you "grow up")?
6. What three (3) things make a good leader? How do you fit your definition of leadership?
7. Describe the American form of government.
8. Why do you think you would be a good representative of Alaska and the United States when in another country?
9. How do you believe the United States is viewed in other countries?
10. Tell us about a recent major event in the United States.
11. Tell us about a recent major event in another country.
12. Have you traveled to another country? Describe your impressions of that country.
13. Rotary assigns each student to a host country. Unfortunately you can not choose what country you go to. What would you do if you were assigned to a country that you did not want to be assigned to?

My parents are aware that I am applying for this program and support my application.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Who Can Go?

Applicants must be of good character, have good academic ability, and be self-confident, outgoing, and pleasant in order to fit in the role of an ambassador. They must have the flexibility to accept discipline and be capable of adjusting to new environments and living conditions. All applicants are selected solely on merit after local and district interviews. Students must be entering or attending high school full time. District 5010 prefers to send students out for their sophomore or junior years of high school. Students must be 15 before they leave on exchange and cannot turn 18 while away from home on exchange.



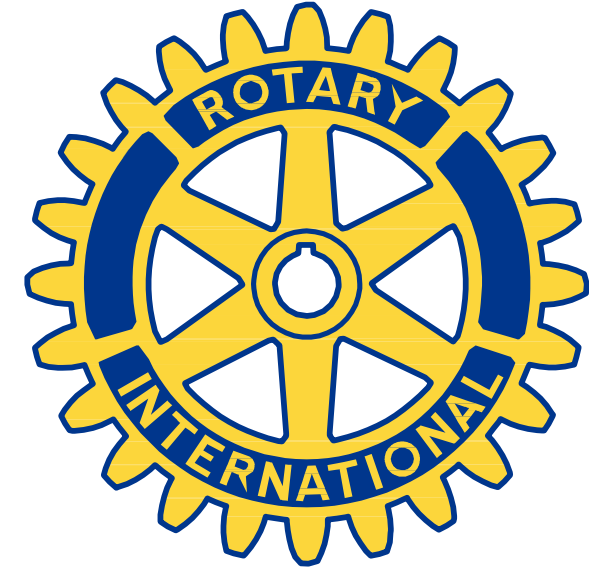
## Why Youth Exchange?

- To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study first hand some of the accomplishments and social environments of people in lands other than their own.
- To act as ambassadors for their home country by addressing Rotary clubs and other youth or community groups in their host country and by imparting as much knowledge as they can of their home country with its accomplishments and problems to the people they meet.
- To broaden each student's personal outlook by learning to live with and get along with people of different cultures, creeds, etc. and by dealing with day-to-day challenges in an entirely new environment.
- To enable students to advance their education by studying in an environment entirely different from their own and undertaking the study of courses and subjects not normally available to them in the schools of their own country.

## Brief Facts on the District 5010 Rotary Youth Exchange

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides for the selection and sponsorship of high school students to travel to another country to spend a school year attending school and living with host families in that country under the sponsorship of local Rotary clubs. District 5010 is an International Rotary District encompassing the Rotary clubs of Alaska, USA; Yukon Territory, Canada; and Siberia and the Far East, Russia. District 5010 exchanges with countries in Europe, Latin American & Asia. Next year's exchanges may include: Bolivia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

## STUDY ABROAD ROTARY DISTRICT 5010 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



## District 5010

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