





The future of Rotary begins with Youth!







Why Rotary Youth Exchange? Peace, Leadership, and Global Competence



4th Object of Rotary... promote international understanding, goodwill, and peace...

Rotary Youth Exchange promotes peace through cultural understanding <u>and</u> develops leadership in youth.

The US Dept. of State: build programs that imbue students with global competence.

Pre-Covid: ~10,000 Total Student Exchanges







Club Sponsorship For <u>Inbound</u> Student What Does It Cost?

Annual budget <u>estimate</u> to sponsor Inbound students: ~\$2,825

\$1,625 which covers – various planned activities:

Inbound Orientation

CSRYE Administrative Costs

CSRYE Summer Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan

D6510 Administrative Costs

Activities including District Conference, St Louis, Springfield, Chicago, Winter Weekend, LOLPETS, End of Exchange Picnic, Shawnee Forest – Zip Lining, and Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

\$1,200 Student Allowance (\$100 monthly)

\$0.00 Optional Expenses Cell phone, some school expenses, gifts, miscellaneous





Club Sponsorship For <u>Inbound</u> Student What's Required?

Find 2-3 host families for the student in the same school district

Appoint a Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) and a Youth Exchange Counselor (YEC)

Per the Rotary International (RI) Code of Policies

- YEO and YEC cannot be the same person
- Both must complete the required training
- Background checks are required





Club Sponsorship For <u>Inbound</u> Student What is required?

Responsibilities of the Club YEO (Officer)

- Administrative & program management
- Arrange for schooling and introduce the student to the principal
- Oversee student emergency fund and other important papers
- Ensure that the student receives a monthly allowance
- Introduce and integrate into your Rotary Club
- Arrange to celebrate the student's birthday, Christmas, and other holidays.





Club Sponsorship For <u>Inbound</u> Student What is required?

Responsibilities of the Club YEC (Counselor)

- Advocate for the student with difficulties at home or school
- Works with the Club YEO
- Meet with the student once or twice a month.
- Represent students' points of view in case of conflict
- Help student deal with any problems, fears, and worries, and self-discipline if he/she goes off track
- Main Liaison with the high school







Club Sponsorship For Outbound Student

Club costs to sponsor an outbound student: \$0 Parents pay a \$10,000 flat fee per outbound student

- Flat fee covers most US costs, but not additional host-country costs
- Gives parents predictable \$\$ when they need to make decisions

Sponsor club must appoint a Youth Exchange Counselor (YEC) per the RI Code of Policies

- Low demand position, but must complete RI required training
- Assist the District team in the interview and selection process
- Involve the sponsored outbound student in club meetings/activities





Student Eligibility

- Good academic standing: top 50% of class or 2.75 GPA.
- Age between 15 − 18 ½ before departure
- Leadership qualities; adaptability and flexibility; positive character.
- Medical Exam
- Student and parent interviews
- Sponsored by a local Rotary Club

Family affiliation with Rotary is <u>not</u> required





In District 6510... Clubs and High Schools need to signal hosting intentions

In the 6 Rotary years from 2014/15 through 2019/20:

- 16 clubs hosted 48 foreign students from 25 countries
- 18 clubs sponsored 38 American students to 21 countries

2022-24 Rotary Year:

- 7 clubs hosted 7 foreign students from Brazil, Denmark, South Korea, and Thailand
- 8 clubs sent 8 students to Chile, Finland, Japan, Sweden, Taiwan, and Thailand

2025-2026 Rotary Year

- 4 clubs hosting 4 foreign students from Belgium, Brazil, Germany, and Thailand
- 3 clubs sponsoring 3 American students two to India and one to Thailand

Will you host or sponsor students in your community?





What Do We Need From You?

Support For Rotary Youth Exchange has many forms...

Sponsor outbounds – our children need to know about the world they live in so they can function in the global economy

Host inbounds – Create a lasting impression about the USA

Recommend qualified host families for inbounds

Who do you know in your church or other community organizations?

Advocate – Spread the word in your local high school(s)

Volunteer to participate in youth exchange activities

Remember our website www.studyabroadscholarships.org





No Amount of Money...
No Amount of Effort...
No Amount of Time...

... is ever wasted when spent on the youth of our country!!

They will never forget the positive experience you provided.





Questions?

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