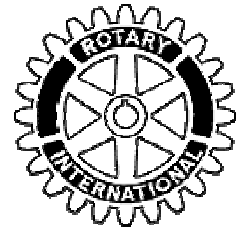




Rotary International District 6970 Youth Exchange Program

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Things to Know ...

for Prospective Long-Term Outbound Applicants and Parents

Important Dates

- Dec. 10District Application Deadline
- Jan. 7-8District-level interviews, location to be announced
- Jan. 14-15District-level interviews, location to be announced
- Jan. 20.....Candidates notified as to their selection and placement
- Jan. 31.....Deadline for return of student acceptance forms
- Feb. 11First orientation meeting for 2006-07 outbound students (mandatory)
- Apr. 7-9.....First Outbound Orientation Weekend (mandatory) – parents included on Sunday
- Jun. 2-4Second Outbound Orientation Weekend (mandatory) – parents invited for Sunday lunch

Application Instructions

Read and follow the instructions carefully and completely. Remember, this application form is not only your introduction to the interview panel, it is also your first impression for potential host families overseas.

Your complete application package is due in to YE Chair Al Kalter, at the address provided below, absolutely no later than December 10, and must include:

- Four copies of complete application, all with original signatures in blue ink (that includes on the medical and dental reports, although those may be submitted later if necessary, but still prior to your interview).
- One copy of the Country Selection Form.
- Four copies of your current school transcript.
- Non-refundable application fee of \$50, payable to “Rotary District 6970 Youth Exchange”.
- Separately, a teacher, administrator, or guidance counselor should send the Confidential School Reference (application page 13) to YE Chair Al Kalter, at the address below.
- NOTE: Your local Rotary Club may specify an earlier deadline if they wish to meet with you or interview you first.

Program Costs

The Program Fee for 2006-07 is \$3750. Of that, \$250 must be brought to the District-level interview in January. That \$250 will be refunded if the student is not selected, or if we are unable to find a suitable placement for the student. If, however, the student declines a country assignment or otherwise withdraws from the program, any fees already paid in may be forfeited. The remaining \$3500 is due as follows:

- \$875 by March 1
- \$875 by April 1
- \$875 by May 1
- \$875 by June 1

Please recognize that we must purchase airline tickets, supplies, insurance, and other items for the students, and we therefore need your payments to arrive promptly. Some Rotary clubs may provide

partial scholarships for students they sponsor – talk to your local Rotary Club's Youth Exchange Officer about the possibility of that if you like.

The Program Fee covers round trip airfare, medical insurance, orientation expenses, supplies, visas, overseas language camps where required, blazers, business cards, and more. The only item specifically excluded is your passport. If you don't already have one, we recommend you apply for one NOW.

All outbound students are also required to bring with them an Emergency Fund, to be deposited with their host district/club. The amount varies by country, normally \$300 to \$500. The purpose of this fund is to cover unexpected expenses (e.g., dental work, telephone bills, etc.) that arise during the year. If any or all of this fund is used, it must be replenished by the student or his/her parents. At the end of the year, if no open expenses remain, the balance will be returned to the student.

Remember that the host Rotary Club overseas will provide a monthly allowance, usually the equivalent of \$50-\$100 US per month, to help with your expenses while there. If you choose to go on some of the optional trips, or if you do a lot of shopping, obviously, that will result in additional expenditures.

Hosting an Exchange Student

As parents of an outbound student, you are **not** required to host an inbound student. However, we would certainly encourage you to do so, during the year your son or daughter is overseas, or the following year, or both. Hosting an inbound student can be extremely rewarding for your family, and often provides insight into the kind of experience your own daughter or son is having.

Additionally, the number of students that we can send out each year is limited by the corresponding number of students that we take in, and in order to take students in, we need host families and host Rotary clubs. Therefore, we require outbound students to provide the names of families (their own, or relatives, neighbors, or friends) who are willing to consider hosting an inbound student.

Websites

We enthusiastically refer you to the following websites, which you may find of interest:

- **www.ryeflorida.org** - This is our own district youth exchange website, source of the most relevant and specific information, student journals, calendars, etc.
- **www.rotary.org** - The website of our international organization, with over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 165 different countries.
- **www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/index.html** - The section of the Rotary International website dedicated to the Youth Exchange program
- **www.rotary6970.org** - The website of our district, comprised of 12 counties in northeast Florida

Questions

We are always happy to answer questions from parents and students – especially from students (because we like to see them “managing” their own exchanges). Feel free to contact Chairman Al Kalter or the members of our District 6970 Youth Exchange Committee whenever you feel the need for additional information.

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