

ROTARY DISTRICTS 5950/5960 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM
General Information and Rules for Youth Exchange Students

1. **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** - Each student must attend high school during the year of his/her exchange. Obtaining school credit for the exchange year is the responsibility of the student.
2. **AIRLINE TICKETS** - You must travel with a round-trip ticket. *When returning home, student must travel by the most direct route with no side trips, visits, or unnecessary layovers.*
3. **INSURANCE** - It is mandatory that all students have Rotary-approved insurance. Coverage must be in effect from the time you leave until you return.
4. **TRAVEL** - Travel with Host/Rotarian Family - Students are permitted to travel with a host family or with a host club Rotarian. Traveling Alone - Unaccompanied travel is strongly discouraged; however, it may be permitted if specific criteria are met. Contact your host club Exchange Officer for details.
5. **EMERGENCY FUND** - Each student is to maintain a balance of \$400.00 in an emergency fund. At the end of the exchange year the student will take the balance of unused funds home.
6. **RELATIVES** - If the student has relatives in the host country, they will have no authority over him/her as a Rotary exchange student.
7. **DRUGS** - Students are not allowed to use illicit drugs. Only drugs prescribed by a physician for medical reasons are permitted.
8. **DRIVING** - The student is not permitted to drive a motor vehicle of any kind. This includes cars, boats, tractors, mopeds, snowmobiles or any other type of motorized vehicle.
9. **INTERNET/TELEPHONE USAGE** - We reserve the right to control and limit the amount of time spent communicating with family and friends by phone or Internet. We suggest not more than one hour per week on the Internet. International cell phone plans are strongly discouraged.
10. **TELEPHONE CALLS** - Long distance charges for telephone calls made by the student are the responsibility of the student.
11. **CELL PHONES** - No cell phones may be owned or possessed by Exchange Students.
12. **LAWS** - You must obey the laws of the host country. Exchange Students found guilty of offenses may be penalized according to local law.
13. **ALCOHOL** - Consuming alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden.
14. **SMOKING** - Smoking is discouraged; students must abide by host rules.
15. **DATING** - Make many friends but have no serious romantic attachments, long-term relationships, or sexual involvement.
16. **MEETINGS** - Your attendance will be required at some Rotary sponsored events, including orientations, the Rotary District Conference, and some host club meetings.
17. **DIET/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS** - Do you have dietary or physical restrictions? Yes__ No__ If yes, explain:

18. **HOST RULES** - You may be required to abide by other, more stringent rules mandated by your host Rotary club, host family, or district
19. **EARLY RETURN** - Any costs associated with an early return home shall be the responsibility of the student's natural or adoptive parents/legal guardians. A student may be sent home early if he or she breaks any of the rules listed, or exhibits an attitude not compatible with Rotary's Youth Exchange Program, or behaves in way that undermines the principals of the Youth Exchange Program.