

RYE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR D5180 ROTARY CLUBS

Minimum requirements for a Rotary Club to become certified to support Youth Exchange Student safety have been established by Rotary International and are currently described in the Rotary Code of Policies (RCP), Sections 2.100 and 41.060 (May 2015) and in the Sample District Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy (June 2005) with appendices. These documents should be reviewed, and are available on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org. You may also discuss the requirements with D5180 RYE Chairman, Dean Henricks at ryechair5180@gmail.com or with D5180 Youth Protection Officer, Barry Kalar at chiefbk@wavecable.com.

To apply for certification, a club needs to download and complete the **Certification Checklist**. This checklist is available on the District 5180 Web site at www.rotary5180.net

The completion of the checklist confirms that you have read the **D5180 Youth Exchange Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy Handbook**. It also states that your club has adopted the **Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth** and that you screen students applying for the RYE program and that you will work with the District RYE Committee in supporting their orientation and training for students, volunteers and Host Families. You also confirm that you will appoint a Counselor for your students and that you have procedures in place for acting on complaints from your students.

This certification is required to be updated annually by the Incoming Club President and the Clubs Youth Exchange Chair.

If your club is not involved with a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and if you do not have a Youth program that requires a one-on-one interaction between a Rotarian and a student: You may sign a Waiver of Certification for your club. All clubs in District 5180 must be certified or certify that they are exempt from certification.