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Rotary District 5010 Youth Exchange Program

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**SHORT FORM APPLICATION
2012-2013 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE**

To: Chairperson, Youth Exchange Program, District 5010. I am interested in being considered/my child being considered for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Please attach a typed response to the following: _____

1. Describe the reasons you wish to become a Rotary Exchange Student.
2. What personal qualities/strengths make you a good candidate for becoming a Rotary Exchange Student?
3. What do you believe is your biggest accomplishment in life to date? Your biggest disappointment?
4. How do you believe you make a difference in the lives of your family, friends and community?
5. What three (3) qualities do you believe make a good leader? How do you fit your definition of leadership?
6. Write a letter introducing yourself to your first host family.

My parent(s) are aware that I am applying for this program.

Student's Signature: _____

Mother's Printed Name: _____

Mother's Signature: _____

Father's Printed Name: _____

Father's Signature: _____

Date: _____

RETURN TO any of the following by 4:00 PM on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011:

- (1) JDHS Career Center (Ms. Calvin), or
- (2) TMHS Career Center (Ms. Banaszak), or
- (3) email as an attachment to Virginia Stonkus at peeples@gci.net, or
- (4) mail to Virginia Stonkus, 9445 North Douglas Highway, Juneau 99801

SEPT 12, 2011

RECRUITMENT BEGINS IN THE SCHOOLS

**SEPT 18
5:00 – 7:00 PM**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council (JACC)**

**SEPT 21, 6:00-7:30
SEPT 28, 6:00-7:30**

**PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Downtown Library Small Conference Room
Valley Library Conference Room**

OCT 7, 2011

THIS FORM DUE

OCT 15-16

**STUDENT AND PARENT INTERVIEWS
Location/Time to be scheduled**

By Appointment

LONG FORM COMPLETION SEMINAR

DEC 1, 2011

**LONG FORM APPLICATIONS DUE WITH FIRST
\$2,300 PAYMENT**

JAN 13, 2012

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS
TO STUDENTS AT WINTER ORIENTATION IN
ANCHORAGE**

Timetables for Outbound Youth Exchange

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1. Two **informational meetings** will be held at local libraries where students and parents are invited to come and learn more about the program (Downtown Branch, Sept 21, 6:00 - 7:00 pm & Valley Branch, Sept 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm).
2. District 5010 Rotary Club representatives will **interview students and their parents** separately beginning Saturday October 15th through Sunday October 16th. **Final selections** for the 2012-2013 exchange year will be made on or before October 29, 2011.
3. Attendance at the interview session is required for the student and parent(s). After the student is selected, they will participate in a "long form" application completion seminar with their sponsoring club's Youth Exchange Officer (YEO). **Five (5) originals "typed" and signed (with blue ink) completed long form (all original signatures) must be submitted to the Rotary District by December 1, 2011.**

The District Committee will then make the student country assignment, which is subject to securing hosting agreements with Rotary clubs and their Districts throughout the world.

4. **A formal orientation for all selected outbound students will be held in January** at the annual "Winter Orientation" to be held in Anchorage. The student cost is covered in their fees. All outbound students **must** attend. Parents are invited to attend this session (additional charges apply). The many aspects of the program are discussed including the experiences of students who have completed the program. **The Friday night announcement dinner is especially interesting for parents – students find out their country assignments at this dinner.**
5. No student is to be regarded as a Rotary Exchange Student until the final approval by District 5010, official acceptance by a host Rotary Club in the assigned country, and they board the aircraft for their destination.
6. Students selected by the District Exchange Committee will depart for their new host countries in July/August/September.

Obligation of Student

1. Students must abide by the decisions and rules of the program and willingly accept the counsel and supervision of their hosts in another country.
2. Students are expected to obey the laws of the host country at all times and accept the cultural requirements of the host school and the 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, take on some duties, i.e. wash dishes, mow lawns, clean room, etc. Be part of the family...not a guest.
3. Students are Ambassadors for their country and must at all times behave in a manner which will reflect credit on his or her family, community and country. They bring home those impressions and experiences that will further international understanding, not being critical of conditions or philosophies uncommon to their native land. Students involved in drinking, driving, serious dating, drugs or violation of the program rules will be expelled from the assigned country and returned home.

4. Students are required to agree that they will not under any circumstances drive a motor vehicle while abroad as a participant in the Rotary Exchange Program.

5. Students are not permitted to "Go Steady" or develop any romantic entanglements. Casual dating, preferably in company, will be tolerated, but romantic involvement is strongly discouraged to the extent that an applicant breaching the rule could be sent home.

6. Students should learn both the conversational and written language of the host country as much as possible prior to departure.

7. Students must return directly to their home country after the termination of the school year.

8. Each student must attend school regularly and maintain passing grades. Rotary functions and cultural and educational events approved by the Rotary hosting club should be attended.

Obligation of the Parents

1. Parents/students will pay Rotary District 5010 a set amount for the exchange. Since this rate may vary with time, the current figure will be provided by your Rotary Representative. The annual amount may be paid in three equal payments (December, March and June).

2. The \$6,900.00 fee for the 2012/2013 academic year paid to Rotary District 5010 will cover expenses for: round-trip coach airline ticket, visa expenses, blazer, patches, pins, medical insurance, and language classes (if required by hosting country.)

3. The fee paid to Rotary, however, does not cover the \$500 emergency fund that each student is required to bring with them when they arrive in their assigned country. These funds are deposited with Rotary in the foreign country and are to be used for emergency purposes only. If they are not used, Rotary returns these funds to the students during their last month of stay so they can use funds as they/parents desire.

4. Funds paid to Rotary do not cover the student's personal needs such as clothing, personal travel expenses in the host country, spending money, gifts and film. These expenditures are the responsibility of the parents/student.

5. Students chosen as alternates will be asked to deposit \$500 with their long form application. Should they not be selected to participate, these funds will be refunded to parent/student.



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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Brief Facts on the Rotary Youth Exchange

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides for the selection and sponsorship of students in the 14-16 year old age group to travel to another country, spend the school year attending a junior or secondary school, and to live with host families in that country under sponsorship of the local Rotary Clubs.

District 5010

District 5010 is an International Rotary District encompassing the Rotary Clubs of Alaska, USA; the Yukon Territory, Canada; and Siberia, the Far East of Russia.

Objectives of the Program

1. To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling the students to study first hand some of the accomplishments and social environments of people in lands other than their own.
2. To enable students to advance their education by studying in an environment entirely different from their own, and undertake study courses and subjects not normally available to them in the schools of their own country.
3. To broaden their own outlook by learning to live with and meet people of different cultures, creeds, etc. and by coping with day-to-day challenges in an environment that may be completely different from the one they have experienced at home.
4. To act as Ambassadors for their own 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 own country with its accomplishments and challenges to the people they meet.
5. To study and observe all facts of life and culture in the country where they are hosted so upon their return home they can share first-hand the experiences and knowledge they have gained. To become good global citizens.

Who is Eligible

1. All applicants are selected solely on merit after local and district interviews.
2. Students between the ages of 14 and 16 and attending high school full time. Students cannot turn 18 years of age during the first 9 months of their exchange.
3. Applicants must be of good character and have good academic ability, be self-confident, outgoing, and open to new opportunities and challenges in order to fit in the role of a Student Ambassador. You must have the flexibility to accept new cultural requirements and be capable of adjusting to new environments and living conditions.
4. The District prefers to send students out their sophomore or junior year.

Countries With Which We Have Recently Exchanged

Bolivia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Japan, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, and Thailand. This list is subject to change at any time.



Host Family Obligations

If you would like to be a host family for an inbound exchange student, please contact us.

Parents of students selected for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program will be asked to be a host for an incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Student during their student's exchange period. If parents cannot agree to host an incoming student, your son/daughter is still eligible for the exchange program. Responsibilities of a host family include the following:

1. Provide food and lodging for the student in their home and share family activities.
2. Accept responsibility to supervise the school and leisure hour activities of the student AS IF HE OR SHE WERE THEIR OWN SON OR DAUGHTER...NOT A GUEST.
3. Encourage the student and integrate the student into the family as quickly as possible, using informal names and outlining chores normal to the student's age and presenting household rules so that misunderstandings are less likely to occur. The student should always be responsible for making his or her own bed and keeping the room clean and tidy.
4. It is desirable that the student has a room of their own, or at least share with someone in the student's own age group and sex.
5. Lend a helping hand at every turn and be friendly. The best measuring stick that you as a host family can apply is to ask yourself, "HOW WOULD I WANT MY CHILD TO BE TREATED IF HE/SHE WERE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME IN A STRANGE COUNTRY IN UNFAMILIAR CIRCUMSTANCES?"
6. Many very successful host arrangements have taken place where there are only young children, or none at all in the host family. Under no circumstances should the student be considered "a built-in baby sitter."
7. Students traveling with their host families must receive the prior written approval of the host Rotary Club and written consent from their legal parents and District Exchange officers. If travel is extensive, a detailed itinerary must be completed prior to travel commencement (and adhered to). The student must establish their financial ability to handle all contingencies.
8. The student will require assistance and direction to learn the conversational and written language of the host country. The guidance of the host family is required in this and all aspects of the program.
9. Seek prompt medical attention for the student if they become ill.

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