



# Rotary District 6040 Group Study Exchange

## Exchange Dates

District 4355 Group Study Exchange Team will be hosted in District 6040 from 2018/04/14 to 2018/05/06  
District 6400 Group Study Exchange Team will be hosted in District 4355 from 2018/04/07 to 2018/04/27

## Team Member Application

*Please print or type. Do not use initials.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name in full *(as it appears on your passport)*

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\*Please send a brief resume and a copy of your passport, signature and picture page, along with this application. A passport is not required at the time of application, but it will be the applicant's responsibility to obtain a passport if selected for the GSE Team.

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing address

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Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

### Person to notify in case of emergency

#### Relationship

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Name

Telephone

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Address

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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation/Profession (include number of years)**

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**If a Rotary Member, please complete the following section:**

**Rotary Membership: Club** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years in Rotary** \_\_\_\_\_

**If additional space is needed for the next three questions, please add additional pages.**

**Rotary Activities, Offices held, District Events attended etc.**

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**Community Involvement**

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**Travel/International Experience (Please indicate whether international travel was as a tourist, for business or for mission trips.)**

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## Language Skills (particularly relative to host district)

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## Physical Health

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## Additional relevant experience/knowledge that specifically qualifies applicant for team.

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### TEAM MEMBER'S ESSAY OF INTENT

Our mission with the GSE program is to work toward selecting and providing a sustainable long-term project with the host district. Please tell us what you hope to gain in this area and what you may be able to provide to the team both in the host district and upon your return to the US. Please attach your response on an additional page.

### TEAM MEMBER APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

Team members may be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and reside, be employed in or be a member of a club in D6040. Team members must be willing to work on a long-term project with the local and the host district upon return. There is no Rotary membership requirement for team members. If selected as Group Study Exchange team member, I agree to the following conditions. I will:

### PRE-DEPARTURE

- Actively participate in self-directed language and cultural training programs if language differences exist between the paired districts.
- Work with the team to prepare an adjustable length presentation (5-30 minutes in length) to use in presentations (with and without PowerPoint) at Rotary club meetings and other functions as requested while in the host district and upon return to D6040. Team members will attend and take part in the District Conferences.
- Work with the team to prepare an informational brochure on the D6040 team and the district, gifts for hosts, business cards, etc.
- Understand that Rotary District 6040 will provide transportation to the host country, not to exceed round-trip economy class airfares between the point of departure in the home district and the point of arrival in the host district. Accept local Rotarians' decisions regarding accommodations and travel in the host district.
- Research, obtain, and pay for visas in the country(ies) in which the team will travel and visit.
- Obtain and pay for insurance valid and payable in the country(ies) in which the team will travel and visit. The insurance coverage must extend from the date of departure through the official end of the trip. A **minimum of**: \$250,000 for medical care and /or hospitalization for basic major medical expenses, including accident and illness expense, hospitalization, and related benefits; \$50,000 for emergency medical evacuation; \$10,000 for accidental death and dismemberment;

and \$20,000 for repatriation of remains. Please note that higher amounts are recommended, as well as, insurance coverage for luggage and personal items. By requiring insurance herein, Rotary District 6040 does not represent that these coverages and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect the Participant. Participants should consult with an insurance professional to determine which coverages and limits will be adequate to cover them in the geographical location(s) visited. Rotary D6040 does not provide any type of insurance to the Participants of Group Study Exchange programs.

- Complete, sign, and return to the District GSE Team Leader, official CERTIFICATION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE (included in the materials) noting the name of the insurance company, insurance policy number and the comprehensive dates for which the insurance coverage is valid. You should read and thoroughly understand insurance policies of this type, especially regarding any exclusions that may exist (e.g., most insurance policies will not cover death or injury occurring in a privately owned aircraft).
- Have a medical examination and submit to the District GSE Team Leader and GSE Chair the official MEDICAL CERTIFICATE completed and signed by the examining physician(s). Secure and take all medicines and vaccinations recommended by the Center for Disease control for travel in the host country.

#### **DURING EXCHANGE**

- Represent the Governor of District 6040 and district Rotarians.
- Accept the decisions of the team leader at all times.
- Remain with the group throughout the study program, except during those periods when individual activities are specifically provided, unless excused by the team leader. Inform the team leader of your whereabouts at all times.
- Use your communication and other skills to enhance the team's mission.
- Be willing and able, physically and emotionally, to keep pace with the vigorous program of study planned for the team.
- Refrain from engaging in dangerous activities.
- Remain with team throughout the study tour, except during those periods when individual team member activities are scheduled. Under no circumstances, except emergency health problems leave the GSE tour before its conclusion.
- Maintain standards of behavior and deportment during travels with the study team that will reflect credit on Rotary, my district and my country.
- Have sufficient funds to meet personal and incidental expenses while abroad.
- Not be accompanied by spouse or other relatives or dependents on the GSE tour under any circumstances. Others may join you for travel after the official conclusion of the group study exchange.
- Should you be required to return home prematurely due to travel safety concerns, you will abide by decisions made for your safety and agree to forfeit my District travel funds.

#### **POST-EXCHANGE**

- Within six weeks of your return home, submit a written GSE Final Report including how the project you have been working on with host district may be sustainable and your recommendations for future exchanges.
- Participate in a post-exchange debriefing.

- Upon invitation from Rotary Clubs or the district, you will give at least five programs at Rotary meetings or events.
- Share what you have learned and experiences through social media and other written communications.
- Continue working on the joint project.
- Be willing to participate on selection committees for future teams.
- Consider Rotary or Rotaract membership, if not already a member.
- Permit Rotary District 6040 to share my name and contact details with other GSE teams and Rotary districts upon request. I hereby give publication rights to Rotary District 6040 for promotional purposes to further the object of Rotary. I do not authorize Rotary or any other entity to use these photos for any commercial purpose.

*I hereby release and discharge Rotary District 6040 and its Rotary clubs and their successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which I or my successors, dependents, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may now or hereafter have against any or all of such parties on account of or in connection with the Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) program or my participation therein. I agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International and its Rotary Districts and clubs and their successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which any such party may incur on account of or in connection with my participation in the Rotary GSE program. The foregoing release and indemnity shall continue to apply to each officer, director, agent, or employee even though such individuals may cease to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of such individuals. The foregoing release and indemnity shall not apply to the cost of my transportation to and from the receiving (host) district. I agree that I will abide by all Rotary International and District 6040 decisions related to travel safety. If Rotary International or District 6040 determines, in its sole discretion, at any point in the GSE process that my safety as a GSE participant in the host district is or could be at risk, Rotary District 6040 may require that the GSE itinerary be modified, cancelled, or indefinitely postponed. If already in the host district, my GSE team may be asked to return home immediately. In such instances, I agree to abide by the District's decision as to what, if any, alternatives are available to GSE teams whose trips have been modified, cancelled, or postponed due to safety concerns.*

Name of Team Member (Please Print)

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Signature of Team Member (Mandatory)

Date

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Please read and initial each of the following statements:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a current passport with the number of blank pages required for the destination country. My passport will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure. If I do not have a current passport, I will apply to obtain a passport immediately after being selected.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am financially responsible for obtaining my passport if I do not already have a current passport.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am financially responsible for obtaining the insurance discussed previously in this document at the coverage required. I am also responsible for any travel/luggage insurance I choose to purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be financially responsible for obtaining any Visa required to enter the country in which the exchange is taking place as well as any Visas required to travel while on this exchange, such as while traveling between countries.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be financially responsible for the purchase of any uniform, jacket, scarf/tie, etc. that the team decides upon for the team attire for the purpose of this exchange. At times, sponsoring clubs will help with the provision of the required attire for a team member, but this is not guaranteed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for any immunizations and medications, required or optional, that are needed for travel to the destination country. It is my responsibility as a team member to research the immunizations required for the country of destination and in accordance with my own health situation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be expected to take host gifts for the families I will be hosted by as well as some small items to give to "day" hosts. This will be my responsibility to obtain these host gifts and I will be financially responsible for these host gifts. (The GSE Committee and previous team members can offer many suggestions as to inexpensive and memorable gifts that make great items to take.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that while the team's safety is first and foremost for District 6040, and no unsafe situation will be tolerated, accommodations may be dependent on the environment, the host district, and the country in which I am traveling. Accommodations will vary from what you would expect in the U.S.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that internet connectivity may not be available.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am financially responsible for any extra activities I choose to do during any free time and for any souvenirs I purchase while on this exchange.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am representing Rotary District 6040 and will be expected to participate in all activities as a team member. The Group Study Exchange is not to be considered a trip of leisure as there will be a rigorous schedule, but this exchange will provide team members a very memorable, rewarding experience and lasting relationships, and be beneficial to both districts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I cannot expect to continue work duties during this exchange. There will be a very rigorous schedule to follow as well as limited internet access at times. My focus will be on forming relationships in our host district, identifying projects for our District, and partaking in activities presented by the host district.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that it is in my best interest to partake in some form of language study at my own expense for the country of destination if their primary language is not English. This may be as simple as checking out language instruction books from the library or utilizing an online language instruction resource.

***The following section will be completed by Rotary District leaders upon selection of the team members.***

**DISTRICT 6040 ENDORSEMENTS**

The district Group Study Exchange subcommittee has selected

\_\_\_\_\_ as a member of the Group Study Exchange team member.

Name of current District Foundation Chair (Please Print)

Date

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Signature of current District Foundation Chair (Mandatory)

Date

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Name of current District GSE Chair (Please Print)

Date

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Signature of current District GSE Chair (Mandatory)

Date

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Name of current District Governor (Please Print)

Date

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Signature of current District Governor (Mandatory)

Date