

**NORTHFIELD ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE HANDOUT**  
**September 2021**  
**IMPORTANT DATES**

Application Dates

- **December 3, 2021:** North Star Youth Exchange Application Due including the Following forms
  - Medical Questionnaire
  - Official High School Transcript
  - School Reference
  - Local Rotary Club Sponsorship Form (Guarantee Form)

Interview Dates

- December, 2021 (specific date TBA): Northfield Rotary Club Prospective Outbound Interviews
  - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - Parental attendance strongly encouraged
- **January 3-14, 2022** North Star Interviews
  - Students will be provided with an interview time and additional information if they are recommended to progress to this stage by the Northfield Rotary Club.
  - Location: Zoom
  - Parental attendance is Required

**Participation Fee Payment Dates:** *Please note that there will be incidental expenses in addition to the participation fee.*

These specific dates will also be announced later:

January, 2022: \$2,000.00  
February, 2022: \$2,000.00  
April , 2022: \$3,000.00

**Participation Fee Refund Dates:** (Specific information is yet to come.)

- Before mid-January, 2022 or between mid-January, 2022 and mid-February 2022: refund of the amount paid less \$200.00
- Between mid-February, 2022 and mid-April, 2021: refund of the amount paid less \$400.00
- On or after April, 2022: refund of the amount paid less \$600.00

**Required Orientation Dates:** Accepted students must attend three mandatory trainings in January, February, and April prior to departing. Parental attendance at these events is also required. There is also a welcome home orientation following the exchange. **Specific date yet to be announced.**

Welcome Home Weekend: August, 2023

## **Contact Information for Northfield Rotary Youth Exchange Officers**

Please don't hesitate to contact the Northfield Rotary Youth Exchange Officers with any questions about the outbound experience or questions about your application.

### **Information about North Star Youth Exchange:**

<http://northstaryouthexchange.com>

### **Information about the Application Process:**

<http://bit.ly/NorthStarRotaryApplicationProcess>

**Online Application:** [http://yehub.net/cgi-bin/NOR\\_get.cgi?pgid=apob0](http://yehub.net/cgi-bin/NOR_get.cgi?pgid=apob0)

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COVID has made so much of this information uncertain at this time. We will be contacting you as soon as we receive our information from North Star.

## Cost of Participation 2022-23 Outbound Rotary Year

### Cost to Student - \$7,000

\*Participation fee is subject to change if there is a significant change in airfare price.

**Includes:** round trip transportation, orientation sessions, Rotary blazer, basic insurance, pins for exchanging, business cards, orientation materials, name badge

**Does not include:** costs of passport, visa, visits to consulate, residency permit, language instruction, inoculations, gifts, local travel and personal items

### Financial Assistance

A program has been established by the North Star RYE Committee to help pay part of the YE program fee for those students who demonstrate financial need. Students may apply for financial assistance after they have been accepted into the North Star YE program. A grant application form will be included with the acceptance packet that will be mailed to outbound candidates in early January.

### Payment Schedule – Payment is due in the increments as follows:

\*January, 2022--\$2,000    \*February, 2022--\$2,000    \*April, 2022--\$3,000

*The fee may be subject to change if there is a significant change in airfare.*

**Refund Schedule** – Should the student discontinue participation in the program, the unused portion of the fee will be refunded, dependent on time of withdrawal:

On or before mid-January, 2022,	Full refund
Between mid-January and mid-February, 2022	Refund less \$200
Between mid-February and mid-April, 2022	Refund less \$400
On or after mid-April, 2022	Refund less \$600

Refund will be issued when the following requirements have been met by the candidate:

- Issue a written statement, declaring that you are withdrawing from the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Notify:
  - The North Star Office – 1700 W HWY 36, Suite #820, Roseville, MN 55113; [rotarynorthstaroffice@gmail.com](mailto:rotarynorthstaroffice@gmail.com)
  - Travel One (Attn: Linda Hindal, Riverview Office Tower #1500, 8009 34<sup>th</sup> Av. So., Minneapolis, MN 55425) [Lhindal@traveloneinc.com](mailto:Lhindal@traveloneinc.com)
  - Your Country Officer
  - Your Sponsor Club Youth Exchange Officer
- If you have been provided with the Youth Exchange Blazer and Youth Exchange Trading Pins, they must be returned to the North Star Office in new condition.

**NOTE:** *If your airline ticket has been purchased: any agent fees sustained will be deducted from your refund. If it is non-refundable, the ticket amount and any associated agent fees will be deducted from*

*your refund. Your refund will be sent to you when the airline has credited our account with Travel One. This takes approximately 4-6 weeks.*

Should it be deemed by the Youth Exchange Committee that the student is not a good fit for the program, the student's payment will be fully refunded, minus any incurred airline fees/costs, when the above requirements have been met.

## **CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

The following countries have participated in the past. This list for 2022-23 is subject to change.

**\*\*Both Summer and Long Term Program**

### **AFRICA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- South Africa
- Zimbabwe

### **ASIA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- India
- Japan
- Russia
- Taiwan\*\*
- Thailand

### **OCEANIA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- Australia
- Indonesia
- New Zealand

### **SOUTH AMERICA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- Argentina
- Brazil\*\*
- Chile
- Paraguay

### **EUROPE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- Austria
- Belgium – Flemish \*\*
- Belgium – French \*\*
- Czech Republic
- Denmark \*\*
- Faroe Islands
- Finland \*\*
- France \*\*
- Germany \*\*
- Greenland
- Hungary
- Italy \*\*
- Netherlands (summer only)
- Norway \*\*
- Poland \*\*
- Portugal \*\* (summer only)
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Spain \*\*
- Sweden \*\*
- Switzerland – French
- Switzerland – German
- Switzerland/Liechtenstein (summer only)

### **NORTH AMERICA EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

- Mexico \*\*

**\*\*Summer & Long Term Program all other countries are Long Term unless indicated.**

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