**IMPORTANT DATES**

Application Dates

* Monday, November 23rd, 2020: North Star Exchange Application Due including the

Following forms

* Medical Questionnaire
* Official High School Transcript
* School Reference
* Local Rotary Club Sponsorship Form (Guarantee Form)

Interview Dates

* Monday, November 30, 2020: Northfield Rotary Club Prospective Outbound Interviews
* 6:00-8:00 p.m.
* via Zoom
* Parental attendance strongly encouraged
* Saturday, December 5th, 2020: 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: Roseville Middle School, Roseville, MN
* Parental attendance is Required

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

January 23, 2021: $2,000.00

February 20, 2021: $2,000.00

April 24, 2021: $3,000.00

**Participation Fee Refund Dates:**

* Before January 23, 2021 or between January 23, 2021 and February 20, 2021: refund of the amount paid less $200.00
* Between February 20, 2021 and April 24, 2021: refund of the amount paid less $400.00
* On or after April 24, 2021: 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.

* January 23, 2021
* February 20, 2021
* April 24, 2021
* Welcome Home Weekend: August 7-8, 2021

**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://northstartyouthexchange.com>

**Information about the Application Process:** <http://bit.ly/NorthStarRotaryApplicationProcess>

**Online Application:** <http://yehub.net/cgi-bin/N.R> get.cgi?pgid=apob0

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Applications **MUST** be completed and submitted by**, November 23, 2020**.

Interviews with the Northfield Rotary Club will take place **Monday, November 30, 2020 from 6:00-8:00.**

**Cost of Participation 2021-22 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 23, 2021 $2,000 \*February 20, 2021 $2,000 \*April 24, 2021 $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 January 23, 2021, Full refund

Between Jauary 24 and February 20, 2021 Refund less $150

Between February 21 and April 24, 2021 Refund less $350

On or after April 25, 2021 Refund less $550

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 34th 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 are currently participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

\*\*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
* Brazill\*\*
* Chile
* Paraguay

EUROPE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

* Austria
* Belgium – Flemish \*\*
* Belgium – French \*\*
* Czech Rpublic
* 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.**

**Please Note: This list is subject to change.**

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