



### Basics of RYE

- Long Term Exchange Program is a cultural and academic Exchange
- Approximately 8,000 students each year
- Length: 10 ½ to 11 months
- Students must be sponsored by a Rotary Club, generally from their home city/town
- When you agree to be a Sponsor Club, you also agree to act as a Host Club for a student from another Rotary Club
  - District to District, not Club to Club exchange
- Students must attend high school while on exchange year
- Students are hosted by a minimum of 2, preferably 3 host families.
  - Families do not need to be Rotarians
  - Empty-nesters and families with young children make great host families

### Budget for Your Club

Recommend that your Club budget \$5,500 to \$6,000

- District Fees: \$2,100
- Allowance: \$100 to \$150 per month
- Bus Pass: \$50 per month (approx.)
- Cell Phone: \$50 per month (approx.)
- School: \$75 to \$200 (approx.)
  - Extra-curricular activities are not mandatory
- Gifts: \$150 to \$250 (Birthday/Christmas/Year End)
- Attending Meetings: Approx. \$600

For more information, feel free to contact anyone on the RYE District 5050 Committee

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### Timeline for Clubs & Students

- Decision to Participate: Ideally, no later than the start of Rotary Year but recommend no later than September, for participation the following year.
- Recruitment, Student and School: No later than mid-October, you should begin to recruit students and confirm with a local high school that they will accept a student the following school year
- Selection: You must interview and select your candidate by no later than October 31st
- Recruitment, Host Families: You should recruit families ASAP and, if possible, arrange potential hosts before selecting student
- On-line Applications: S e l e c t e d Candidate to complete and submit to District by November 15th
- District Interview: Students will be interviewed by District Committee in mid-November
- Orientation: Students will attend a two-day Orientation with their parent(s) in mid-February/mid-June
- Conference: Students receive final Orientation at District Conference in May
- Departure / Arrival: Your sponsored student will leave and your hosted student will arrive for life-changing experience in early to mid-August

### Budget for Your Sponsored Student

Recommend a budget of \$7,000 to \$8,000

- Airfare: \$1,750 to \$2,000
- Insurance: \$800 to \$900
  - Mandatory insurance policies, all in this range
- Visa: \$600-\$1000 (varies with country)
  - May need to travel to a consulate for an interview
- District Fees: \$900
- Blazer/Pants or Skirt: \$300 to \$400
- Gifts for Host Families: \$250 to \$300
- Clothes: \$500 to \$600
- Spending Money: \$600 +
- Mid-year/Year-end Trips are not mandatory but great experiences: \$1,500 to \$2,000