

Rotary Youth Study Abroad (RYSA)

A Youth Exchange Plan for High School Students

By Rotary District 5910



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What Rotary Provides & What Participants Pay

Rotary provides: (Total support valued at \$20,000+)

- Room and food as a member of selected host families
- School tuition
- Visits to sights and historical venues of the host area
- Care and guidance by host family
- Personal assistance and counseling by trained member of host Rotary Club
- Allowance of about \$100 per month from host Rotary Club

Participants pay:

- Cost of passport and visa (US passport costs \$145; Cost of visa varies)
- Refundable Emergency Fund of about \$400 (If not needed, returned to student at end of year)
- Application Fee of \$6500 (Paid in installments – Schedule on next page)

Application Fee Covers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing and Interview Meetings • Orientation (Materials, food & housing for overnights)
Two 2-Hour Meetings
One Overnight Meeting
Orientation Camp (3 days, 2 nights) • Round trip airline ticket • Student Exch. Travel Agent assists in Visa process • Health/medical and liability insurance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Program • Rotary Blazer with RYE Patch • Metal Name Badge • Business Cards & 100 Trading Pins • District 5910 RYE Hoodie Pullover • Thank-you Cards • US Flag • Rebound (return) Weekend Meeting |
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*But Parents save on following while student is away on Rotary exchange

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| • Reduced food bill at home (900 meals at \$3.75 each) | \$3375 |
| • If student drives, reduction in family auto insurance and fuel (No driving on exchange!) | \$1700 |
| • School activities (school supplies, activity fees, etc.) | \$650 |
| • Save on allowance (Rotary provides about \$100 per month for 10 months) | <u>\$1000</u> |

Total (And, still another way to save is described on next page) \$6725

So on a Rotary Exchange, parents can save as much as they spend!!!

*Figures are necessarily approximate, but quite close

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Another way to save from the exchange experience!!!

An additional savings of \$3000 or more is available!!!

- On returning home, most students can get 12-15 semester hours credit at a university simply by taking a placement exam in their new foreign language.
- 12 semester hours credit at a university saves \$3000 or more on tuition!

Conclusion:

- Parents who send their teenager on a Rotary Youth Exchange for a year will almost certainly save as much while their student is away as they spent on the exchange!
- But items covered by the Application Fee must be paid before the student leaves on their exchange!
- So, parents will need to begin preparation for the exchange in advance
- The Application Fee may be paid in installments – A schedule is printed below
- And if additional time is needed, Rotary will adjust the payment schedule as much as possible

***Application Fee Payment Schedule**

Please make all checks payable to DISTRICT 5910 RYE *and send payments to*

PDG Brenda Walker, RYE Treasurer, D. 5910, 9596 U.S. Hwy. 84 East, Palestine, TX 75801

Payment Number	Due Date	Amount
1.	January 10, 2024	\$1,625.00
2.	February 10, 2024	\$1,625.00
3.	March 10, 2024	\$1,625.00
4.	April 10, 2024	\$1,625.00
TOTAL		\$6,500.00

NOTE: Applicants whose installments have not been paid in full by May 1, 2024 are subject to withdrawal from the program. However, if, as determined by the District Youth Exchange Committee that there are good and sufficient reasons for payment delay, then the applicant's file may be reopened upon payment of all unpaid fees **plus** an administrative fee in the **amount of \$200.00**. Students who withdraw from the program before May 1, 2024 will receive a refund of fees paid less the amount of program costs on behalf of the student that cannot be retrieved. For example, food and lodging for an overnight meeting could not be retrieved and would be withheld from the refund. For withdrawals on or after May 1, 2024, an additional charge of \$200.00 will be withheld from refunds. **If before departure the RYE program is cancelled by Rotary due to a pandemic or other world crisis**, then students will receive a refund of fees paid less the amount of program costs on behalf of the student that cannot be retrieved. For example, food and lodging for an overnight meeting could not be retrieved and would be withheld from the refund.