

Rotary International

District 6000

Youth Exchange Program

Rules of Policy, Procedure and Conduct for Youth Exchange Students

1. Student must arrive with a complete round-trip airline ticket, including both domestic and international segments and the ticket must have an "OPEN" return.
2. Student must maintain an Emergency fund of \$400 US, to be deposited upon arrival with the host Rotary Club Counselor or Youth Exchange Officer. This fund is ONLY to be used in emergencies and then must be replenished immediately by the student or his/her natural parents.
3. All inbound students must purchase the Rotary and SCRYE approved accident and sickness insurance policy, known as Plan A+, from American International Group, Inc., through CISI-Bolduc. Insurance must be paid for prior to the student's arrival. Guarantee forms and DS-2019 and visa documents will not be issued until the insurance premium is paid and the District Chairman receives documentation.
4. To help in the adaptation of students, we ask that phone calls home be limited to once per month after the initial phone call on arrival. E-mail to family and friends are permitted once per week.
5. Students must attend school regularly and make good effort in classes. Students will attend high school, at the school designated by the host Rotary club. Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to take driver education or operate a motorized vehicle.
6. Students are prohibited from independent travel. Travel with host family, school groups or Rotarians is permitted but the District 6000 YE Chairperson must be notified in advance of all trips outside the District. Inbound students must arrive directly in District 6000 from their home country. And must return directly at the end of the exchange year. This Rotary Youth Exchange year is not for personal travel to visit family or friends.
7. If a student desires to return home by an indirect route (that is, other than from a Host Family to Student's Family) parental consent and proper supervision shall be required. In such an event, the student ceases to be a part of District 6000 Youth Exchange Program and insurance coverage may end at time of departure. The District 6000 Chairperson must approve this change of departure.
8. The student understands that the hosting of the student is the responsibility of the host club. In case of difficulties the student should consult the club Youth Exchange Counselor or Officer or the District Committee Chairperson.
9. Attendance of the student will be **mandatory** at some Rotary sponsored events. Mandatory means mandatory.
10. The student understands that visitation and telephone calls to the student by family from the student's home country is **strongly discouraged**. The reason for the district's position is that such visitation and calls create additional pressures, not only on the student but the family and/or friends of the student and foster the early return of the student home. **Visitation from non-family members during the exchange year is forbidden.**

11. The student agrees and understands the student is participating in a Youth Exchange Program and NOT a travel program or entertainment program. The student is expected to become part of the host family and adapt to that family. It is not expected of the host family to change its life style for the student. The student shall be sensitive to the needs and limitations of the host family and shall not make demands of the host family that would not be expected by members of the host family. While it is expected that the student will participate in host family events, such events are wholly at the discretion of the host family.

Strict Rules and Conditions of Exchange

Violations will result in the student's immediate return home.

1. Obey the laws of the host country. If found guilty of a violation of any law, the student can expect no assistance from their sponsors or their native country. The student will be returned home as soon as the authorities release him.
2. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Medicine(s) prescribed by a physician is allowed.
3. The student is not authorized to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, which requires a federal or state license or to participate in driver education programs.
4. The drinking of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. In the State of Iowa you must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages.
5. Smoking is prohibited. Even if you are of legal age, **you will not use any tobacco product.**
6. Stealing is prohibited. There are no exceptions.
7. Unauthorized travel is not allowed. Students must follow the travel rules of the Host District.
8. The student must attend school regularly and make an honest attempt to succeed.
9. The student must abide by the rules and conditions of exchange of the Host District provided to you by the District Youth Exchange Committee.