\_\_\_\_\_ District 6440 Rotary Youth Exchange Short-Term program cost structure is noted below.

**District 6440 allocates** funds to cover Rotary Youth Exchange program costs such as administrative, tools, marketing, committee meetings, conferences, volunteer background checks, and other costs.

**Sponsoring Clubs in District 6440** contribute to the program costs. It is the Club discretion to pay for Short-term Exchange students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) which is a long-weekend event in the Spring (March or April).

**Rotary Clubs Hosting overseas** are responsible for:

* Coordinating a possible match for the D6440 Short-term exchange student
* Providing matching student application and release documentation.
* Vetting matching student parents to host the D6440 Short-term exchange student to have a separate bed in the house and provide room & board

**Outbound candidates and family** fees of $150 non-refundable application:

* Required District Training sessions & materials.
* District RYE Student activities.
* Central States Rotary Youth Exchange (CSRYE) Administrative costs.

The additional fees are potentially partially refundable based on District 6440 discretion given the timing and reason for student withdrawal of the program.

**Additional Family** costs are managed directly with associated vendors and typically cost around $1500 (not including \*optional trips and activities):

* Medical exam as part of the application.
* Student passport.
* Round-trip ticket. Preferable to coordinate joint flights when students travel to the 2nd home. Families can use frequent flyer or discounted fares at their discretion.
* CSRYE Insurance at a per diem negotiated rate less than $3/day.
* Travel preparations (host family gifts, luggage, etc).
* Online Language training (offered by D6440 at a discount)
* Optional trips, activities, and purchases beyond the host family room & board.
* Spending money while abroad for toiletries, clothing, and other personal expenses & entertainment.
* Mobile phone & expenses – suggest discussing with family before purchasing any new devices, sim cards, or international plans.
* Consulate visit travel costs if applicable for obtaining a country visa (usually not for short-term partner countries).
* Additional government insurance if required by country – usually not for short-term.
* Fees for date change on return ticket.
* Costs incurred due to early return.
* $25 fee for NSF checks to District 6440

**Reciprocal exchange** for short-term exchange includes hosting the matched student in your home for a minimum of three weeks. Activities and trips can enhance everyone’s exchange experience. Financial arrangements for covering additional costs (travel, accommodations, activities) should be agreed upon between the families in advance.

Each family manages finances differently. It is recommended that students and families create a joint plan on how to cover the funds for the program. Discuss your situation with your local sponsoring club and District Rotary Youth Exchange representatives.

\_\_\_\_ Training sessions will be conducted in the Spring to prepare **both the student and parents** for the upcoming exchange experience. Any finalized or changed dates will be communicated.

**2023:**

Jan 15 STEP scanned pre-signed YEAH and supplemental application due to rye.chair@district6440.org

Jan 15 Host Family applications completed including references checks, criminal background check, and NAYEN online youth protection training.

Jan 31 STEP Short-term home visit and application signatures witnessed. Dates to be arranged with family and District team.

Mar 9-12 RYLA Session 1 option – participation at Club discretion.

April 6-9 RYLA Session 2 option at Club discretion.

April 29 STEP Training Session 8:30-2pm **(Students and Parents)**\*

May 12-13 D6440 Conference student videos only

Summer Potential STEP short-term party based on exchange and family travel dates.

\_\_\_\_ **Online language courses** will be available to students for most country languages. Students are highly recommended to complete the courses and do their best to learn the language basics.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Covid-19 vaccinations are now required for students** to participate in District 6440 Rotary Youth Exchange. Students are requested to have their first shot before January 31st. Parents are highly encouraged to also obtain vaccinations on the same above schedule to minimize disruptions covid illnesses can have on the exchange.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Timely communications** can make or break an exchange year (and program). Therefore, we ask that students check their emails every few days and respond receipt within 24 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sharing the experience** through photos taken before and during the exchange is critical in building enthusiasm for the program. This includes assisting in recruitment and training for future exchanges.

Please sign and date that you have read, understand, agree, and will follow the agreement related to payments, attending events, becoming familiar with the language basics, obtaining covid-19 vaccinations, and timely communicating.

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_