



Cowboy Country Rotary Youth Exchange
Rotary International District 5440
Long-Term Youth Exchange
2026-2027 School Year



Student and Parent Acknowledgement of Fees and Payment Schedule

District 5440 charges a flat fee to cover most of the costs associated with the exchange. For the 2026-27 exchange year this fee is \$6,200. One hundred dollars is refunded to students who attend the rebound orientation in August of 2027.

Included in flat fee:

- Round trip airfare with a 12-month changeable ticket and one change (meets strict Rotary safety guidelines. Departure airport and date selected to reduce cost)
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure (students are met at the airport by a program representative)
- Rotary-approved health and personal liability insurance
- Assistance with obtaining visa and travel arrangements
- Cost of visa fees
- Language camp upon arrival in host country (if required by Rotary host)
- Online subscription to Rosetta Stone or Pimsleur language learning program (depends on language)
- Pre-departure and in-country orientations
- Rotary blazer
- D5440 T-shirt and hoodie
- Business cards
- Name badge
- U.S. Flag and state flag
- District 5440 pins (50)
- Food and/or snacks for student and parents at mandatory interview and orientation
- Program administration costs

Provided by Host District and Families

- Room and board (home stay)
- School tuition
- Monthly stipend

Not included in flat fee:

- Personal expenses (e.g., toiletries, phone, clothing, internet, club fees, activities)
- School expenses (e.g., uniform, lunches, supplies, bus pass, transport to and from school, school activities, etc.)
- Emergency Fund if required by host (\$300 to \$500 paid to club on arrival for emergency use, refunded if not used)
- Cost of consulate visit to obtain visa (if required)
- Passport fees
- Physical and dental exams
- Language tutoring (if necessary)
- Luggage, camera, cell phone, computer
- Year-end tours & recreational travel
- Pocket money
- Lodging at interview or orientation
- Insurance deductibles
- Date change charges for return ticket beyond one change
- Incidental expenses
- Excess luggage fees
- Additional airfare flying out of smaller airports or on peak days (flat fee includes Denver, Salt Lake City, Casper and Billings. We will seek alternative airports and departure dates if prices are too high)
- Any other item not specified

Payments

An \$800 application fee is due with the application on or before October 31, 2025.

Three payments of \$1,800 are due January 1, March 1 and April 1. Other payment options can be arranged with our Treasurer. Regardless of the payment plan, the full \$6,200 must be paid no later than April 1, 2026 (prior to the orientation).

Refunds

If students are not selected at the December 6, 2025 interviews they will receive a \$700 refund of their application fee.

Students who are selected to participate and withdraw from the program will receive a partial refund of the application fee depending on when they withdraw.

Withdraw prior to December 31, 2025	Refund = \$300
Withdraw on or after January 1, 2026	No refund of application fee

If a student withdraws prior to May 1 they will receive any additional fees paid beyond the application fee, less any purchases made on their behalf. Refunds after May 1 will be very limited because most of the purchases will have been made, those will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Mandatory Events

Both parents and student **MUST attend** interview and orientation events (siblings and friends should not attend these events). Attending the orientation may require missing prom, state athletic events or other school activities. **Students and parents should check their schedules and confirm that they can attend these required events prior to submitting an application.**

District interviews will be held in Cheyenne, WY on December 6, 2025.

Outbound student orientation will be held in Casper, WY on April 11-12, 2026

Rebound Orientation

The district holds an event for the exchange students after the completion of their exchange year. It is not mandatory, but those who attend will receive a \$100 refund of their application fee. The event for 2026-2027 students will be in Casper, WY on August 7, 2027.

Acknowledgement of Fee Structure and Agreement to Pay

The applicant and parents are aware of these requirements and agree to the fee structure, payment schedule, and to attend the mandatory events.

Applicant

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Date

Mother

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Date

Father

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Date