



ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

SUMMER YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

IN HOME INTERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

(Updated August 31, 2017)

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

These questions are to be asked by Rotary Summer Exchange Review Committee. The committee should be comprised of at least two members, of whom one is to be a Rotarian. A minimum of one-half hour should be spent by the Review Committee covering the following questions with each prospective exchange applicant. The Review Committee must make a diligent effort to accept only those students qualified to undertake a summer exchange.

While conducting the interview, look for qualities such as *self-assurance* and *self-esteem*. Does this student have the ability to make his/her host family grow in addition to growing him/herself? In addition, the student's family must be considered in light of their capability to host a foreign student. **It is REQUIRED to inspect the home of the exchange applicant to ensure that the home is safe/appropriate to host an incoming student.**

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN PRESENCE OF STUDENT AND HIS / HER PARENTS

1. What do you know about Rotary?
2. Are you aware of the requirement to host the reciprocal exchange student in your home for 3-4 weeks before or after your son or daughter's time away in a foreign country?
3. Have all costs to be paid by the student been explained? This includes travel, clothing, health insurance, application fee, spending money and all medical expenses?
4. Have the absolute rules of the program been explained to you?
5. Are you aware of the required District Orientation in April? Attendance is mandatory for students and both parents.
6. Are you aware of the requirement for each family member living in the home and over the age of 18 to submit to and pass a background check?
7. Will the foreign student have his or her own room or will he or she share a room with your son or daughter?
8. Are you aware that while on the exchange, it is customary that the exchange student will not have visitors from home unless previously arranged with the Host Family?
9. As a parent, have all your questions been answered?

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE STUDENT WHEN ALONE WITH THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Why do you wish to be an exchange student?
2. What is your class standing?
3. How do you currently use your free time? Are you involved in extra-curricular activities? (Such as school, church and/or community activities?)

4. How would you rate your degree of tolerance and ability to adjust to a wide variety of people of possibly different races, habits, religions and backgrounds?
5. What do you think is the most important thing about representing your community and country abroad? What does it mean to you to be an ambassador?
6. How do you rate your ability to make friends?
7. Are you in good health? Anything we should be made aware of?
8. How would you handle homesickness?
9. If you were a foreign student in your home town, how would you spend your free time?
10. How would you respond to a host family whose rules are stricter than you are used to?
11. What do you expect to receive from your month away as an exchange student? What do you expect to give to your host family, club and community during you month of exchange?
12. When the foreign student comes to live with your family for the second month, how will you make him or her feel at home? What will you do to make their stay a rewarding experience?
13. What do you expect your responsibilities will be as the foreign students “exchange brother” or “exchange sister”? Will you have time of your own to share with the exchange student while he or she is with your family?
14. Have all your questions been answered?

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF PARENTS ONLY

1. How do you feel about your son/daughter going abroad for a month?
2. Your son/daughter has expressed interest in traveling to other countries. Do you have any immediate concerns about the countries chosen? Are you willing to let your child go to any Rotary country?
3. Whose idea was it to apply for the program? Are you entirely committed to let your son/daughter go on the exchange?
4. Do you think your son/daughter will be homesick? If so, how will you deal with it, and how will you help him/her cope with feelings of homesickness?
5. Will you object if the student is placed with a family of different religion? If you are asked to host a student of a different religion?
6. Does your son/daughter enjoy trying new things?
7. Does your son/daughter have any medical concerns that we should be aware of?
8. Are you willing to host a student from another country in your home?
9. What time will family members have available to share with the exchange student while he or she is with your family?
10. When the foreign student comes to live with your family, how will you make him or her feel at home? What will you do to make their stay a rewarding experience?
11. What advice would you give as your son/daughter was boarding the plane?
12. Do you have any reservations/concerns at this time?

As a Review Committee member, you must ask yourself: Would I want this applicant to spend a month in my home?

If you approve of your club sponsoring this candidate for the Summer Youth Exchange to the District Summer Youth Exchange Committee, you must sign and submit the following page with any comments to the District Summer Exchange Chairman with the student's final summer exchange application.

Club Recommendation Form

We recommend the following student and family for the District 5440 Summer Youth Exchange Program:

Club: _____

Student Name: _____

Parents Names: _____

Members of the Club Review Committee are: (Please include address and phone of head of Review Committee.)

Head of Review:	Member	Member
_____	_____	_____

Telephone: () _____