



ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

SUMMER YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

IN HOME INTERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The student is always interviewed with her/his parents in the family home together with other members of the family who live there. **As part of this process, the home is inspected to ensure that the home is safe/appropriate to host an incoming foreign student.** The Rotary Club will make a diligent effort to accept only those students qualified to undertake a summer exchange who have the ability to make his/her host family grow in addition to growing him/herself. The student's family and the condition of their home must be assessed for their ability to successfully host a foreign student. .

The interviewer(s) from the Rotary Club look for qualities such as *self-assurance* and *self-esteem*. Do they have the confidence to live with a foreign family for four weeks and host a foreign student in their own home?

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE 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 to 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's family 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 2019? Attendance is mandatory for students and parents/legal guardians.
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. How do you feel about your son/daughter going abroad for a month? Do you have any immediate concerns about him/her traveling alone to a foreign country and living with a foreign family?
9. Whose idea was it to apply for the program?
10. If your daughter/son becomes homesick while abroad how will you deal with it?
11. Will you object if the student is placed with a family of a different religion or if you are asked to host a student of a different religion?
12. Does your son/daughter enjoy trying new things?
13. Does your son/daughter have any medical concerns that we should be aware of?
14. Are you willing to host a student from another country in your home?

15. What time will family members have available to share with the exchange student while he or she is with your family?
16. 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?
17. What advice would you give as your son/daughter was boarding the plane?
18. Do you have any reservations/concerns at this time?
19. Have all your questions been answered?

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE STUDENT ONLY (select several and conduct a conversation)

1. Why do you want to be an exchange student?
2. How do you currently use your free time? Are you involved in extra-curricular activities? (Such as school, church, sports, and/or community activities?)
3. How would you rate your degree of tolerance and your ability to adjust to a wide variety of people of different races, habits, religions or backgrounds?
4. 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?
5. Are you good at making friends?
6. Do you have health problems we should be aware of or dietary requirements? Do you take any medications? (*We only need this information to ensure selection of an appropriate exchange*)
7. How would you handle homesickness?
8. How would you make the foreign student feel at home in your house and in America? What would you do to show a foreign student your community, the region you live in, and generally to give them a good idea of what it means to live in America? What will you do to make their stay a rewarding experience?
9. How would you respond to a host family whose rules are stricter than you are used to?
10. What do you expect to receive from your exchange? What do you expect to give to your host family, club, and community during your exchange?
11. What do you expect your responsibilities will be as the foreign student's "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?
12. Have all your questions been answered?

The interviewer(s) must ask themselves: Would I want this applicant to spend a month in my home?

If you recommend the applicant complete the Club Recommendation Form.