

August 29, 2017

To: District 5440 Rotary Clubs

From: Neil Harrison, Chair, Short Term Youth Exchange Committee  
Beth Vanderwege, District Youth Exchange Chairman

RE: Rotary District 5440 Summer Youth Exchange

We encourage your club to sponsor a student for the Summer Youth Exchange Program this Rotary year! The Summer (or Short Term, "STEP") Youth Exchange program is simple for clubs to implement and cost free. The program is a family to family exchange, which means that every applying student /family has already agreed to host the incoming student in their home. In addition, the families pay for all costs of the program.

The Summer Youth Exchange Program enables students between the ages of 15 and 19 to experience the challenge and opportunity of a foreign exchange without committing to a full year. Summer exchanges typically last a total of 6-8 weeks, with our student spending 3-4 weeks with the host foreign family and in return hosting the matched foreign student in his or her home for a similar length of time. But schedules and dates are all arranged between the students and their families. Exchanges usually begin in mid-June, and end in mid-August.

Your club can contribute to the program by recruiting, interviewing, and nominating students for the program and help them complete the application form. All of the needed information and application materials for the Summer Program can be found on the "[Summer YE Program](#)" link on the District's website: [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org).

Use the Quick Start Guide for more detailed information on how to recruit, screen, and support STEP students

Please submit completed applications to the District Short Term youth Exchange Assistant before **January 15, 2018**. Send completed original applications to:

Neil Harrison  
Chair, Rotary District 5440 Short-Term Youth Exchange  
417 North Sherwood Street  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Please e-mail a scanned copy to [district5440.STEP@gmail.com](mailto:district5440.STEP@gmail.com) and to :

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On behalf of the Rotary District 5440 Summer Youth Exchange Committee, we wish you the best of luck in sponsoring your students this summer. This is a wonderful program that offers a great experience for these students. Please call Neil Harrison or email [District5440.STEP@gmail.com](mailto:District5440.STEP@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Yours in Rotary,

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