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District 6630

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

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What is STEP?

The Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) is a summer exchange between families. Your Outbound student lives with a foreign (Inbound) student's family for approximately one month and then both students return to USA or Canada where the Inbound student lives with your family for another month. STEP allows students to experience another culture, country, and language. It offers a fun learning opportunity while building lifelong friendships and broadening their horizons by increasing awareness, knowledge, and confidence.

Rotary International has sponsored youth foreign exchange programs for more than 50 years with the goal of building international goodwill and understanding. Exchanges generally occur from June through August. Some southern hemisphere countries have split-season exchanges with American students traveling in July-August and your foreign brother/sister visiting in December-February.

Would
you be
comfortable
traveling away
from home for
4 weeks or
more?

Do you
make friends
easily with
both adults and
people your
age?

Do you
have a sense
of humor and
a positive and
enthusiastic
outlook?

TO APPLY FOR A STEP EXCHANGE

1. Read the information in this document
2. Go to the link on page 3 to apply
3. Complete the online application
4. Attend REQUIRED training sessions. Your parents must also attend at least one.
5. Become a Rotary Exchange Student and have the time of your life!



Requirements and Process:

Students are interviewed by their local Rotary Club/District and participate in district-wide orientations and training. Your family becomes a Host Family while your match is in the United States.

1. For Ages 15-18 years.
2. You and your parents agree to host a student for approximately four weeks during the summer (or December-February if going to southern hemisphere country). Your family is expected to arrange activities for the visiting student. Hosting costs are your responsibility.
3. Apply online <https://yehub.net/OER-stapp> with application fee of \$600. Make checks payable to Rotary District 6630. Be thorough, as your potential matches will see most of this information and use it to decide if you are a good match for them. Contact your District Rotary STEP Chairperson with questions.
4. Students and parents participate in interview with District Rotary club representative. Background checks are conducted on all household members age 18 and over.

After acceptance into the program, the match process begins. It may take a few months. Matches are made between February and May in the year of travel.

5. Student and parent must attend at least one orientation meeting.
6. Obtain passport
7. Make travel arrangements for your Outbound Student. Through the O-E appointed travel agency, Its Your World Travel - (206) 242-1969, <http://www.iywt.com/>. Rotary can assist, but cannot be responsible for any travel problems. Submit your travel itinerary to your Rotary representative.
8. Sign up for travel/medical insurance through Rotary: <https://secure.visit-aci.com/insurance/oerye/>



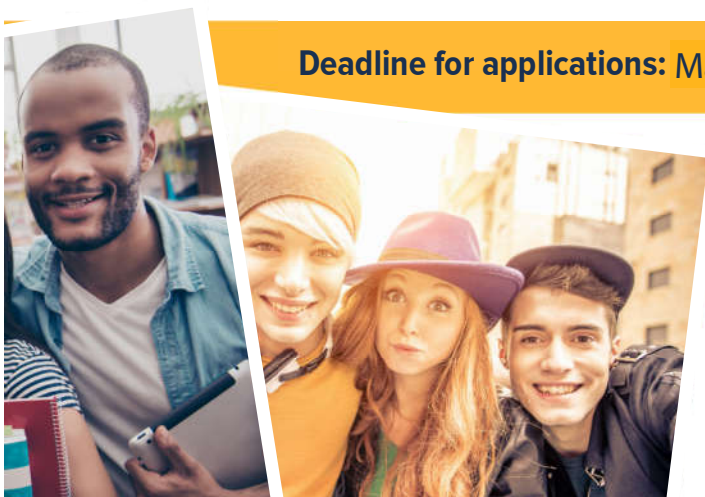
Costs

- ☐ **Application Fee - \$600.00**
- ☐ **Cost of obtaining a passport (see local post office). Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return home.**
- ☐ **Rotary travel/medical insurance. Cost is less than \$5 per day.**
- ☐ **Round trip airfare through O-E approved Travel Agency**
- ☐ **Spending money**
- ☐ **Hosting costs for when match is with your family for 4 weeks**

Rules and Considerations

1. Students need to accept the advice and supervision of the Rotary club counselor and of your host parents abroad.
2. Students must accept cultural differences in your host country without vocal criticism.
3. Students are not permitted to operate a motor vehicle or motorized boat while in another country.
4. Students may not drink alcohol during the exchange. In many host homes, wine and light beers are served with meals. This is permissible provided your parents approve.
5. The use of illegal drugs, including "pot" is strictly prohibited. Use of prescription medications not prescribed to the student is cause to terminate the exchange as well.
6. Host families should take your foreign exchange brother or sister to a Rotary meeting shortly after they arrive. Students should ask to be taken to a Rotary meeting while being hosted abroad.
7. Independent travel by students is not permitted while abroad. Students may travel with the host family with Rotary's prior approval.
8. Host families should arrange for day-time and evening activities for your exchange brother or sister. Inactivity can lead to boredom and homesickness.
9. Host students may not take a summer job or participate in school activities that interfere with hosting responsibilities.

Deadline for applications: March 1, 2024 APPLY HERE: <https://yehub.net/OER-stapp>



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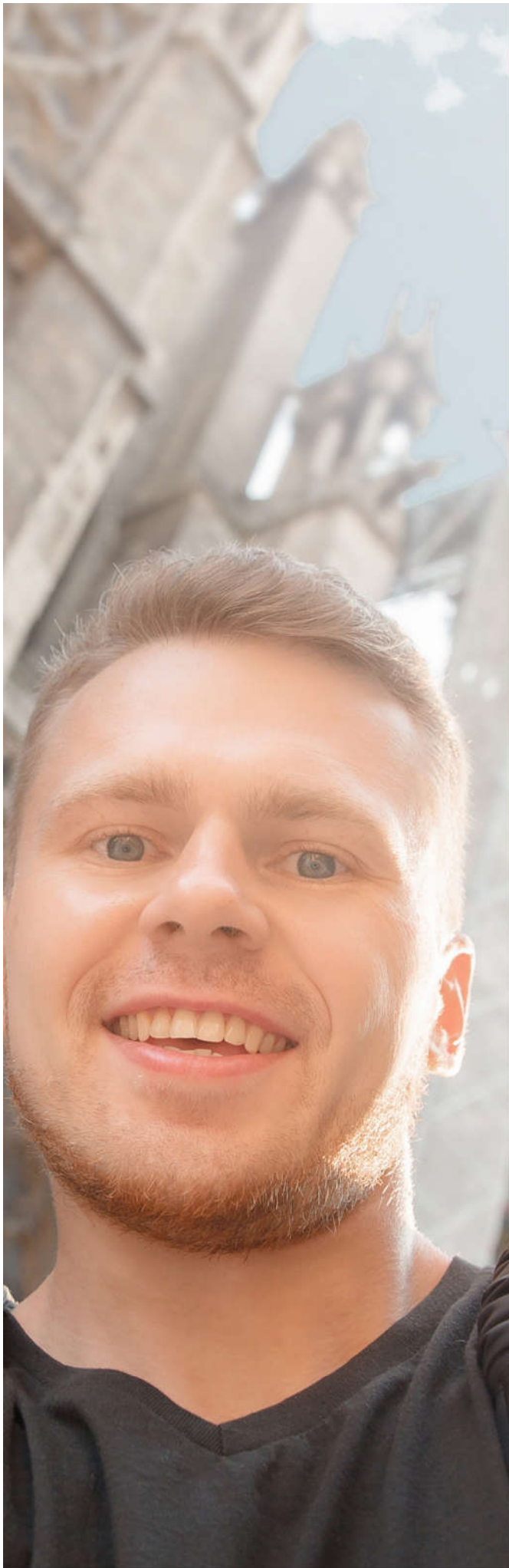


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SUMMER FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EXCHANGE 2024



Are you a good candidate for the STEP Program? Ask yourself these questions and if they are Yes, you have a good chance of having a successful exchange.

- ☐ **Do you have an interest in things international, through language classes, social media, friends abroad cultural studies, foreign travel, and/or hosting inbound students?**
- ☐ **Do your parents support your decision to participate in an exchange?**
- ☐ **Are you polite, pleasant and confident?**
- ☐ **Are you flexible to adapt to new and changing environments?**
- ☐ **Are you able to participate in some monthly Rotary meetings held for exchange students? (usually on Saturdays)**
- ☐ **Do you have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above? This is not mandatory, but a good sign of dedication and discipline.**
- ☐ **Do you have the ability to make presentations to sponsoring Rotary Clubs here and abroad?**
- ☐ **Can you make a firm commitment to the STEP program with minimal time and work conflicts? (Your schedule should not interfere with hosting your brother or sister from another country.)**

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APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

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Questions - Contact District 6630 RYE STEP Chair:

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Or Contact the O-E Multi-District STEP Chair:

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O-E Youth Exchange, Inc.

Short Term Student Application for 2024-24

Congratulations on your ambition to become a Short Term Rotary Youth Exchange student! (STEP) As you begin this process, be sure that you follow all instructions carefully and completely. Should you run into any problems or have any questions, check the bottom of each page for contact links.

So ... what now?

If you have already started your application, please click the "**Log Me In**" button below.

If this is your first time here, you will need to create an account so that your application information can be stored and retrieved for you as you work through the steps. Click the "**Set Me Up**" button below.

Important Notes:

- This application process will require you to complete several pages of information, upload a number of photos, and follow up with supplemental forms and instructions that will be e-mailed to you after your completed application is received. Those additional documents will include a Participation Requirements Form, and a Rules, Conditions, Permissions and Guarantee Form. It will also include a link to a Host Family Application. Be sure to read them thoroughly and take all appropriate action as required.
- If your application is not submitted and is inactive for 120 days, it will be deleted from our files. So make sure you complete it in a timely manner.

It's my first time here!
Set Me Up

I'm back!
Log Me In

If you need assistance, send an e-mail to raj32836@gmail.com