



GSE TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

Four exchange participants will be selected from within the areas of focus with two alternates also selected in the event that a replacement team member is needed. Each proposed member of the team from D5610 must complete this form in its entirety. The steering committee will solicit Rotary Club sponsors for candidates who are applying without an initial sponsor. The form may be submitted to:

- Tom Katus**, Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club 605-391-7588 tmkatus@gmail.com
- Linda Peterson**, Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club 605-390-0800 Linda4Rotary@me.com
- Ina Winter**, Hot Springs Rotary Club 605-890-3692 kristine.ina.winter@gmail.com
- Sandra White Shield**, Rapid City Rushmore Rotary (605) 877-5046 sandyshield@gmail.com
- Shawn Walters**, Rapid City Rushmore Rotary (701) 955-0984 walters_shawn@hotmail.com
- Kibbe Brown**, Team Leader, Rapid City Rushmore Rotary (605) 391-6206 kibbekat@gmail.com

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- First name: _____
- Family name: _____
- Languages: _____
- Gender: Male Female Other Prefer not to answer
- Affiliation: I am an enrolled member of _____ tribe.
 I am not enrolled but am a member of _____ tribal nation.
 I am not a Rotarian.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Email address: _____
- Street address or P.O. Box: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
- Primary telephone: _____
- Secondary telephone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- First name: _____
- Family name: _____
- Relationship: _____
- Email address: _____
- Street address or P.O. Box: _____
- City, State, Zip _____
- Primary/Secondary telephone: _____



GOALS OF THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The goal of this project is to build peace by enhancing the cultural and professional skills, knowledge, and wisdom of indigenous peoples from two different cultures in two different countries. Specifically, four Oceti Sakowin professionals from the United States will travel to Rotary District 9705 in New South Wales, Australia to visit Wiradjuri indigenous people, in October of 2024, ending after the D9705 conference October 25-27. This project will also educate Rotarians in the two districts about the cultures of their indigenous neighbors. A major goal is to build relationships and friendships between and among indigenous people and Rotarians. Rotarian team leader Kibbe Brown will travel and be embedded with the team to facilitate connections.

PROFESSIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

What is your area of focus? Each participant will have expertise in one or more of these areas, with the intention of selecting as diverse a team as possible among the areas of focus.

- Cultural Preservation
- Business
- Arts
- Justice
- Government
- Health Care
- Education
- Land Care/Environment

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE REPORT

Please attach information in an essay at least two pages, double spaced, outlining details of the following:

- 1) A resume of your background including positions held, leadership experience, professional expertise, and several references. Also list community involvement, project experience, presentations prepared/presented, and international travel.
- 2) A description of how your educational, professional, and Oceti Sakowin culture expertise relates to the focus and goals of this Group Study Exchange Team.
- 3) An essay of your personal experiences that will enhance the leadership, training, teaching and delivery of the focus and goals of this Group Study Exchange Team. Explain why you want to go and what you expect to learn from it.

Training and briefings before travel is required and at least two in-person sessions will be scheduled along with a number of online sessions. Will you commit to participating in the training?

Additional comments and information above may be attached to this application. Incomplete applications or late applications will not be considered.

Full Name (please print)

Signature _____ **Date** _____



What do I need to do to be a team member?

Team member candidates must:

- Be currently employed for at least two years in any recognized business or profession on a full-time basis and be 25 to 40 years of age **at the time of application**
- Work or live in the tribal reservations or communities with significant native populations
- Be citizens of the United States and reside within the D5610 boundaries (see rotary5610.org for more information)
- Be able to respond to the question: How do/will you share your vocation/skills with your Native American community?
- Make presentations regarding yourself, your culture, and area of expertise to gatherings in Australia and make presentations to groups in South Dakota on your return from Australia.
- Do you currently have a valid passport? (Is not required in order to participate in application process).

Failure to comply with team member eligibility criteria can lead to misunderstandings and last-minute changes in the GSE team's composition. Contact the **GSE Team steering committee** or team leader Kibbe Brown as soon as possible with any questions about these conditions.

You will need to be able to handle international travel during the exchange, and active participation in regular training activities before the exchange, with your team members, and **you must also be**

- In good health
- Neat in appearance and able to express yourself clearly and logically
- Interested in and clearly enthusiastic about your chosen vocation, and possess outstanding vocational skills
- Open-minded, tolerant, and flexible
- Able to travel for 2.5 weeks with your employer's consent
- Able to receive a visa to the host country or already have one
- Able to depart from the same location and on the same date as the rest of the team
- Able to identify as Native American through enrollment or lineage

Team member recruitment

Team members will be responding to email, social media and word of mouth information and need to complete the application provided. Rotary clubs of District 5610 will be encouraged to support potential team members from within their local communities. (see Rotary Club Supporting Statement).

A selection committee that will include both Rotarians and representative of Oceti Sakowin will review applications to decide on next steps, namely an interview and reference checks. You may append additional information to the application that you believe the selection committee should take into account to make an informed decision on your selection status.

Closing date for applications

Applications must be received by the GSE Steering Committee by **February 9, 2024**, as advised from a sponsoring Rotary club. Each proposed member of the team from D5610 must complete this form in its entirety. The form may be submitted to:

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**D5610 Group Study Exchange
Oceti Sakowin/Wiradjuri**

EMPLOYER CONSENT FORM

I am the employer of D5610 Group Study Exchange Oceti Sakowin Team Member

I/We acknowledge and give permission for my employee's absence for a 2 to 2-1/2 week period from

_____ to _____.

Our company Errors and Omissions coverage **will or will not extend to this project trip. If yes, please provide the Certificate of Insurance.**

Company Full Name and Address (please print)

Contact Name _____ **Phone** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Rotary Club of _____ is supporting their nominee for D5610 Group Study Exchange Oceti Sakowin Team Member

We acknowledge and agree to provide \$ _____ monetary support for this Team Member, if the nominee is chosen for the outgoing team. (minimum \$200 to support personal expenses while traveling)

Our Club will offer any additional non-monetary support also, such as transportation to training meetings, team gifts for Australian hosts, and other items as needed.

Club President Name (please print)

Signature _____ **Date** _____