



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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DISTRICT 5020 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Western Washington
State
U.S.A.

Vancouver Island,
B.C.
Canada

Rotary District 5020 Youth Exchange Inbound Student General Information and Rules

Every student selected to participate in the Youth Exchange Program must at all times remember that they are an ambassador of their country and must therefore conduct themselves with intelligence, common sense and dignity, consistent with the privilege of being a Rotary International Youth Exchange Student. In addition to the general rules you agreed to in your original application district 5020 has some additional rules and guidelines you must agree to.

STUDENTS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Students must arrive with a complete round-trip airline ticket, including both domestic and international segments, and the ticket must have a changeable return date.
- Students must maintain an Emergency Fund of \$500 US, to be deposited upon arrival with the host Rotary Club Counselor or Youth Exchange Officer. This fund is ONLY to be used in emergencies and then must be replenished immediately by the student or his/her natural parents.
- All inbound students must purchase the Rotary-approved accident and sickness insurance policy from BOLDUC and must be paid for prior to the student's arrival, by credit card or by bank check (in US Dollars, drawn on a bank in the USA), or have their own Rotary approved policy. Visa documents will not be issued until the insurance premium is paid.
- Students must certify that they have no dietary or physical restrictions other than those shown on the application.
- Students are permitted to travel with host family, school groups, or Rotarians. Inbound students must comply with our District Travel Policy as printed in the inbound manual.
- Visits by parents and family members are permitted only with prior consent by the host club and host district during the last quarter of the exchange year. Visits by home country friends are strongly discouraged, and will be allowed only in very special circumstances. Students are not permitted to return home during the exchange year, except in cases of emergency.
- To become familiar with and clearly understand the aims of Rotary International, its organization, structure, purpose, ideals and service record.
- Inbound students must arrive directly in District 5020 from their home country, and must return directly at the end of the exchange year.
- Students are to forward a written report to the Country Officer by Sept 30, Dec 31, Mar 31 and June 30. Copies of the report may be sent to your sponsoring district
- Hosting Inbound Students is the responsibility of the Rotary Club. In case of difficulties, one should consult with the club Youth Exchange Officer, Club Counselor, Club President, or your Country Officer.
- The student is expected to become an integral member of their host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal for a person of their age.
- Host families and clubs are responsible for you socially, spiritually and physically. The student should respect their wishes and requests. Each society has its own customs and ways of doing things. The student must be flexible and adaptable. Some guidance and restrictions are to be expected and advisable.
- Smoking is NOT ACCEPTABLE and may result in sending you home if the club cannot find host families that tolerate smoking.
- The student is not allowed to get any tattoos, body piercing (including pierced ears) or other permanent disfigurements during the exchange
- The student is expected to know the essentials of the language. Upon arrival you are expected to work diligently to learn the language quickly.
- The student must obey the laws of the country. They can expect no assistance from the government if laws are violated.
- The student is required to enroll at the high school selected by the host club, attend class full time, seriously attempt to achieve good grades, and participate fully in all school activities during the exchange year. Failure to do this may result in terminating your exchange and canceling your visa privileges. Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to take driver education or operate a motor vehicle.
- During the year the student is expected to attend the Rotary and Youth Exchange functions as directed by the host club and the district. These functions come first, ahead of other social activities and sometimes school attendance. The school must be made aware of all these functions and requests made for absence from school.

19. The student is expected to address Rotary clubs, youth and school groups while being hosted and upon your return home. Prepare a visual and spoken presentation about your home and host country.
20. The student is an “ambassador” for their home country and must, at all time, behave in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, family and country.
21. The student is to refrain from any anti-social activity or sub-standard behavior which will reflect adversely on themselves or on Rotary. A pervasive negative attitude will not be tolerated.
22. **YOU MUST AT ALL TIMES ABIDE BY THE FOUR “D” RULES, AS FOLLOWS:**
 - A. Absolutely no drugs will be used, except for medical reasons as prescribed by a physician.
 - B. The student must not drive/operate any motorized vehicle of any kind(land water or air)
 - C. Serious Dating will not be permitted. Dating in a casual way, preferably with a group, is acceptable. But, if the club counselor or host parents feel the student is getting “romantically involved” they will be told to discontinue the relationship. Sexual involvement will not be tolerated-students will be sent home.
 - D. Consumption of alcohol (Drinking) under the age of 21 in the USA and 19 in Canada is ILLEGAL. For all Inbound students, regardless of age; consumption of alcohol is NOT acceptable. There is to be absolutely NO consumption of Alcohol at anytime during your exchange. This includes special occasions even under the supervision of your host family.
23. Students are to refrain from seeking or obtaining permanent or full-time employment while under the program. Casual employment such as yard work and babysitting is acceptable. For any further clarification contact your Country Officer with the District.
24. The student will return directly home upon the completion of the exchange program. In no circumstances, extend your stay beyond the exchange period or time frame of their visa whichever is the shortest. Your visa application and acceptance is based on returning home DIRECTLY at the end of the exchange. Visa applications will be denied by US & Canada if this rule is ignored.
25. Active participation with the student’s host family, rotary club, school and community will help to make the exchange year a success. Frequent and prolonged personal use of the internet, including e-mail, will interfere with this and is strongly discouraged. Students will abide by the expectations and rules of the Host Parents and Rotary with regard to computer and internet use. Failure to respect the use of the computer has, and can, result in ending your exchange.
26. Under the authority of the District Governor, the District Youth Exchange Chair is the final authority on any matters pertaining to the Youth Exchange Program. Most matters, although, are and can be handled by the local Rotary Club and the Country Officer.
27. It should be emphasized that District 5020 has absolutely no reservations about removing any student from the program and sending the student home at their own expense if the student does not adhere to the general intent and conditions of this program. The student is accepted into the program on the invitation of Rotary International and Rotary District 5020.

The undersigned student agrees to abide by the conditions and rules of the program. Student also understands the Rules and Conditions may be revised in the student inbound manual

Dated _____ Student Signature _____

Print Name _____

Father (guardian) _____ Mother (guardian) _____

Print Name _____ Print Name _____