



ROTARY DISTRICT 5050 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Washington State, USA Canada

Rotary District 5050 Youth Exchange

Inbound Student General Information & 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 5050 has some additional rules and guidelines you must agree to.

STUDENTS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. 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.
2. Students must maintain an Emergency Fund of \$500, 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.
3. All inbound students must purchase the Rotary-approved accident and sickness insurance policy from CISI-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.
4. Students must certify that they have no dietary or physical restrictions other than those shown on the application.
5. 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.
6. Visits by immediate family members MIGHT be permitted BUT only with prior consent by the host club and host district during the March/April or after the end of the exchange year. Visits by home country friends are prohibited. Students are not permitted to return home during the exchange year, except in cases of emergency. VISIT APPROVAL IS NOT GUARANTEED
7. Student must become familiar with and clearly understand the aims of Rotary International, its organization, structure, purpose, ideals and service record.
8. Inbound students must arrive directly in District 5050 from their home country, and must return directly at the end of the exchange year.
9. Students will submit monthly written reports to the District Committee. Copies of the report may be sent to your sponsoring district.
10. 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. YOUR NATURAL FAMILY IS NOT THE CORRECT LINE OF COMMUNICATION TO SOLVE YOUR ISSUES.
10. The student is expected to become an integral member of their host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal for a person of their age. This includes sharing household chores and participating in family activities or events.
11. 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.
12. Smoking or vaping are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Purchasing tobacco products is illegal. We do NOT tolerate smoking.
13. The student is not allowed to get any tattoos, body piercing (including pierced ears) or other permanent disfigurements during the exchange
14. The student is expected to know the essentials of the language so that they are able to successfully participate in the program and to function on a day-to-day basis. Upon arrival you are expected to work diligently to learn the language quickly. Students may be responsible to provide English language testing results, if required by your Host School.
15. The student must obey the laws of the country. They can expect no assistance from the government if laws are violated.
16. 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.
17. 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 (example: too much time on electronic device) or bad behavior which will reflect adversely on themselves or on Rotary. A negative attitude will not be tolerated and may cause you to be sent home.
22. YOU MUST AT ALL TIMES ABIDE BY THE FOUR “D” RULES, AS FOLLOWS:
 - Absolutely no drugs will be used, except for medical reasons as prescribed by a physician.
 - The student must not drive/operate any motorized vehicle of any kind (land water or air)
 - Serious Dating will not be permitted. Dating in a casual way, preferably with a group, is acceptable. 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.
 - 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.
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 home prior to the expiration of their Visa. Students should NOT expect to stay with their Host Families past the date noted on their Inbound Guarantee Form.
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 social media, chat and texting, will interfere with this and is NOT acceptable. Students will abide by the expectations and rules of the Host Parents and Rotary with regard to computer and internet use. Students and Natural Parent/friends should plan to communicate no more than 1-2/week.
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, with consultation, as needed, by the District Committee.
27. It should be emphasized that District 5050 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 5050.
28. If a student has paid a deposit or full fee for the California trip or the any optional trip and the student returns home early district 5050 is not responsible to reimburse the student for these costs. This includes being sent home or the student choosing to leave early.

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 _____