



Rotary
District 6110



Study Abroad
Scholarship
Program



DISTRICT 6110 YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

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General Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct

1. Student must attend secondary school. The student shall try to pass examinations and be a good student. Credits for study in the host country are not assured and Rotary is not responsible for student to earn credit.
2. **Student must bring an emergency fund of \$500 (dollars) cash.** If funds are used the natural parents must replenish this fund. The \$500 will be held in a local bank. Unused funds will be returned to the student at the end of the exchange.
3. An early return requested by the student will not be allowed. The student is expected to stay the duration of the exchange, through the end school.
4. The student is to become an integral member of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal to a in each host family. Student will avoid spending too much time in his/her room. He/she has to adapt to the family's way of life.
5. Hosts (District, Club, Parents) are responsible for the inbound student. The student should respect their wishes and requests. One culture may be more formal or informal than another, thus, guidance and restrictions are advisable and to be expected. For example, in the United States teenagers typically have less freedom than students in other countries.
6. Students are not permitted to drive a motorized vehicle of any kind. This includes automobiles, motorcycles, boats, tractors, mopeds or any other motorized vehicle.
7. Students are not permitted to use drugs unless prescribed by a physician. Use of physician prescribed drugs must be revealed on the application. Any prescription drug prescribed after the application is sent and before the student is due to arrive in D6110 must be revealed to D6110 as soon as the drug is prescribed.
8. Students must obey the laws of the host country.
9. Personal exhibition is forbidden (as it relates to immodest clothing and behavior).
10. Piercing and tattooing are forbidden when on Exchange.
11. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed.
12. Smoking is not allowed.
13. Students should avoid all romantic attachments. Sexual relations are forbidden.
14. Student is required at some Rotary-sponsored events. Such events take priority over any other private events. The first such required event is the Inbound Orientation Weekend held in late August or early September.
15. The student certifies that he or she has no dietary or physical restriction other than as shown on the student's application.
16. Any cost relative to a required early return home or any other unusual costs of the student shall be the responsibility of the student and their natural family. This includes all medical care, co-pays, hospital visits, etc.
17. Students must arrive with a round trip ticket. It is advisable to check the return date in early spring of the return year, in case the return date needs to be changed to accommodate school schedule or a Rotary approved trip.
18. Use of the host parent's telephone is only with permission. Students must pay for long distance calls or extra charges on parents phone plan.
19. Intensive use of Social Media, including Facebook, WhatsApp, Skype, Instagram, and texting is strongly discouraged. It prohibits a student's assimilation into the culture and host family.
20. The exchange program starts when the student arrives (see date on Guarantee Form) and *will end two weeks after the end of school*, or, if the student is on a Rotary sponsored summer trip, immediately after the end of the trip. Most schools in D6110 end in May, thus if the student is not going on a Rotary summer trip the return home can be well before June 30.



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Travel Rules and Family Visits for Inbound Students

Travel

Travel rules described elsewhere in this document and what you have already agreed to on your application (and what will be discussed at the inbound orientation after you arrive) must be followed. **Students are not allowed to travel by themselves or go on their own trips** (for example, to meet family who live in the USA or to go off with fellow students to see friends). Travel is permitted with *host parents* or for *Rotary functions* with proper adult chaperones and must be authorized by the host Rotary club and host District. Travel out of the District is subject to the submission of the host District Travel Form which needs the student's natural parents' signature. Some students see the Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP) as time to travel. The Rotary YEP is a cultural and educational exchange -not a travel exchange.

Parental Visits

Parental visits are not encouraged. They can be permitted with host Club authorization for a short period and only during school holidays, only after March 15, or after the exchange. Students will not be allowed to travel by themselves to meet their parents somewhere in the USA. Parents are expected to come to where the student resides if they wish to visit with their son/daughter.

Visits prior to March 15 and during school by parents are disruptive to the goals and ideals of the YEP and are not allowed. If it is inconvenient for a parent to visit during the authorized period, then the parents should not plan to visit their child. Generally, visits will not be welcome during the school year for any reason except to escort your child home if he or she is being sent home from the program. If parents visit while school is in session, the student will not be excused from school.

1. No trips are allowed during school time (including exams) without authorization of your counselor AND your host family AND your school. If the host family invites the student on a trip and asks for fee participation, student must immediately inform the host club.
2. You are obligated to always inform your host family of your whereabouts-and to get their permission ahead of time, whether it be after school, going to a friend's home, etc. full address, phone number, activities, etc.
3. You should be reachable at any time through a mobile phone or chaperone.
4. The host Rotary club and, in particular, the YEO is always responsible for you. As a consequence they have the final word on all decisions regarding travel and have the authority to amend travel rules during the year.



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PERSONAL INVOLVEMENTS -STUDENT AGREES:

- Being able to speak English is Important. I'll do all the needed efforts to learn English quickly. I agree to return home if I don't show good effort in speaking English within 4 months.
- Integration in the host family and the community is important for a successful exchange. I'll prefer having contacts with new U.S. friends and avoid spending too much time with other exchange students or staying connected to friends at home via social media.
- If traveling outside the district with my host family I will seek proper permission and use the "Travel Authorization Form".
- I'll go to Rotary Club meetings as often as possible and at least once per month.
- I'll inform my counselor of any problem with school, families, etc...
- I'll bring at least one formal dress or nice jacket and slacks, nice shoes for special occasions.

INSURANCE

Any student coming to the USA with insurance from their home country must carry a policy which meets or exceeds the RI Youth Insurance Policy Guidelines. The company issuing the policy must have a 24-hour Claims office with English speakers located in the USA.

One carrier that is approved by SCRYE (our multi-district organization) is CISI-Bolduc insurance. Approved option: CISI-Bolduc, Plan B and Personal Liability Download the application here:

http://www.culturalinsurance.com/rotary/rotary_forms.asp

Insurance is purchased at the student expense. Be sure to send Trisha proof that you have purchased the required insurance as soon as you have done so because the DS-2019 (issued to get your visa) cannot be sent to you until we have that proof.