

District 5020 Rotary Youth Exchange Program Outbound Student Responsibilities

Being chosen as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student is an honor and a privilege. Along with this honor and privilege come responsibilities.

The Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee reserves the right to withdraw the student from the program if the student does not meet the following requirements:

1. The student and at least one parent /guardian must attend the ENTIRE two-day Outbound Orientation in Victoria in the spring (check the website for exact dates). There will be no exceptions to this requirement.
2. The student must have a valid Canadian or US passport at the March Orientation. The passport must be valid for 6 months past the date of their expected return from their exchange.
3. Students will be expected to use It's Your World Travel for both visa acquisition and travel arrangements, including purchase of a round trip airline ticket to/from your host country.
4. Students cannot make any travel commitments outside of their home country (other than their exchange travel) during the spring and summer before you leave on exchange without express permission from District 5020. Their passport will be required for an indefinite period of time for the visa application process.
5. Students will be expected to demonstrate a beginner's proficiency in the language of their host country by the Spring Orientation. It is expected that intensive language study will continue until departure with the student making their best effort to achieve functional fluency prior to departure. If the student's host country provides language expectations/instructions, these shall be adhered to.
6. Students are required to complete the research paper, supplied by district, on their host country by the Spring Orientation.

In addition to the above requirements/responsibilities, but not limited to them, Rotary District 5020 may withdraw the student's application for the following reasons:

1. Withholding significant health related information,
2. Making false statements or providing false documentation on their application,
3. Failure to notify their Country Officer of a change in required medication or health status,
4. Drug or alcohol use,
5. Smoking,
6. Poor performance in school,
7. Expulsion or suspension from school,
8. Arrest for illegal activities,
9. Pregnancy or impregnation,

One last word of caution: the majority of students who apply to be an exchange student state that they do not have a girlfriend or a boyfriend at the time of their application. Our advice is to refrain from becoming involved in a serious relationship before you leave for your year away. A serious romantic relationship will further complicate your already complicated life and jeopardize the success of your year away.

Our expectation is that every exchange student will fulfill the above responsibilities and act as an ambassador for their countries, their communities, their Rotary Clubs and their families.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature: _____