



## District 5790 Youth Exchange, 2016-17 Outbound Student Procedures

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### Long-Term and Short-Term Youth Exchange Application Procedures

- 1. The student submits the Short Form Application to the local sponsoring Rotary Club.**

If you don't know which club will sponsor you, send the application directly to the District Youth Exchange Officer at [YEO\\_5790@yahoo.com](mailto:YEO_5790@yahoo.com), and he will locate the appropriate Rotary Club for you.
- 2. The local Rotary Club reviews the application and schedules an in-person interview with the student.**

If, following the interview, the local Rotary Club agrees to sponsor the student, the club notifies the student and forwards the student application to the District Inbound Chair for District consideration.
- 3. The District schedules an in-person interview with the student and parents in early January.**

Attendance is mandatory for both the student and parents.
- 4. The District Committee reviews all aspects of the student's application** (including the local Rotary Club recommendation, the student interview and the parent interview) **to assess the student for success.**
- 5. The District Youth Exchange Officer notifies the student of the District Committee decision via e-mail within one week of the District interview.**

If the student is accepted to the program, the notification message also includes the dates, locations and formats for District orientation sessions.
- 6. Following acceptance into the program, the student submits the Long Form Application.**

The student will receive the Long Form Application either via a web-link or as an e-mail attachment. The student must fully complete the application before the first orientation. The local Rotary Club is encouraged to work with the sponsored student to help complete this application.
- 7. The student and parents must participate in all District orientation sessions.**

Orientation sessions occur at roughly monthly intervals in January, February and March. Sponsoring clubs are invited to attend the District orientations as well.

Outbound students are also strongly encouraged to attend a number of District 5790 Rotary events and will be given a schedule of District Events to participate in.

Applicants for the short-term program are considered fully vetted once they complete the District orientation sessions.



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**8. As part of the ongoing process, the District Committee works with the student and parents to arrange the exchange with a host country.**

This is a very complex process, and certain procedures must be followed.

Some countries have minimum language requirements. Students will be notified at the time of their District interview whether they meet these requirements.

We will attempt to accommodate requests for specific destination countries. However, we will only exchange with **certified Rotary Districts**. We currently exchange with:

- Argentina
- Austria
- Brazil
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan

Other countries may be considered. However, no country can be guaranteed until that country receives the student's completed application and agrees to accept the student. We will not know for sure whether a country has accepted the student until approximately March.

**9. Students applying for a long-term exchange must attend an outbound orientation camp June 15–29, 2016.**

Applicants for the long-term program are considered fully vetted once they successfully complete the District orientation sessions **and** the outbound orientation camp. Determined by District 5790.

**10. Families of long-term outbound exchange students are strongly encouraged (although not required) to either host or assist in locating suitable host families for long-term inbound exchange students.**

During the outbound orientation sessions, the District Committee will provide training and evaluations for families interested in hosting inbound students.

**If you have any questions regarding the Youth Exchange application procedures, please contact the District Youth Exchange Officer Norm King at 817-781-3327 or YEO\_5790@yahoo.com.**