

## **District 5010 - Rotary Youth Exchange - ALTERNATES**

### **Objectives:**

- a) To have enough students District-wide to fill the exchange agreements for the upcoming year. Some clubs are unable to find qualified students, and there is often attrition among selected candidates.
- b) To allow a club to remain active in the YE program if they cannot find a qualified applicant or if they lose their OB student after selection.
- c) To permit additional qualified student(s) the opportunity to experience a Rotary Exchange.
- d) While an alternate must be technically sponsored by one club, a group of clubs in a community can share the responsibilities/costs.
- e) The maximum number of alternates to be selected is 5. Each geographical area (Southeast, Peninsula, Anchorage, Mat/Su, Northern) is encouraged to select one alternate.

### **Procedure:**

During the selection process, clubs may find they have more qualified candidates than positions. These students should be considered for alternates.

Clubs must coordinate with their area coordinator PRIOR to offering an alternate position, as areas are limited to one alternate unless another area has no alternate. Area Coordinators and the Outbound Coordinator will meet telephonically shortly after the selection deadline to discuss alternates & let clubs know how many alternate positions are open.

If a club cannot find a suitable candidate or loses their OB after selection, they will use the alternate from their area. If a second club in the area needs an alternate, they will wait until Winter Orientation to select an alternate to sponsor.

If a club in an area without an alternate cannot find a suitable candidate or loses their alternate after selection, they will wait until Winter Orientation.

If, at the time of Winter Orientation, the area alternate is still in alternate status, the club (or group of clubs) will pay \$400 for the extra cost for the alternate. This fee will be refunded to the club (or group of clubs), by district, if the alternate moves to selected outbound status.

The club flat fee for each participating club includes the attendance of one (1) YEO: each additional chaperone / committee member will be an additional \$400.

At Winter Orientation, alternates will be included in the outbound interviews. Based on their applications and interviews, the remaining alternates will be ranked. Clubs needing alternates will select from the pool in rank order.

If a club (or group of clubs) wishes to sponsor their alternate as an "extra" outbound, they are agreeing to accept an "extra" inbound, in effect, sending/hosting two students.

The club flat fee for a second exchange is an additional \$2,000, the minimum needed to cover administrative costs, to encourage clubs to increase the number of students who are able to experience Exchange.

Clubs that pick up alternates become the official sponsor club and are expected to take financial / administrative responsibility for the student. If the student lives in another community, the selecting club is expected to continue working with the student, taking responsibility for preparing the student for their exchange. The two clubs are expected to work cooperatively for the benefit of the student (i.e. Christmas/birthday presents, etc.) and to arrange for student presentation(s) to both clubs, if possible.

All preparations (including completion of the long form and full participation at Winter & Spring Orientation) are the same for the alternate as for the selected outbound with the exception of the payment of fees and the assignment of a country.

The Alternate pays a \$500 deposit fee that is submitted with their completed long form application. Their assigned country is determined by the vacant position that they are asked to fill (unless a club/area selects them as an "extra" student")

- If an Alternate is assigned, all fees due to that point in the payment schedule are payable immediately.
- If they chose to reject that assignment, they are out of the program and their \$500 deposit is not refundable.
- If they drop out of the program at any time before an assignment, their deposit is not refundable.
- If they are not offered an assignment their \$500 deposit will be refunded.