



Rotary Youth Exchange

Alaska 5010



Club Commitment for _____ Exchange Year

The Rotary Club of _____ commits to:

- Host and support an Inbound student - includes recruiting Host Families
- Recruit and support an Outbound student
- Make efforts to engage your Rebound student

By signing this form, we agree to ensure the following terms of the exchange are met:

1. Your club will send a Youth Exchange representative will attend Fall Orientation (August) and Winter Orientation (January) and Departure Training (May).

2. Exchanges are two-way*; in order to send a student, your club is obligated to host a student.

3. Club exchange agreements are used by the District Youth Exchange Committee to make long term plans with other districts throughout the world. We use this number to arrange for student exchanges a year in advance. Once we commit to this number we **MUST** be able to count on your club to fulfill its commitment to these students. It is our continuing dependability that makes our Youth Exchange Program the success that it is.

4. The District Youth Exchange Committee will strive to meet your club's preference for gender and region but cannot guarantee it.

Signature of Club Representative

Date

Club Information

Club Representative: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Students

One

Two

Prefer Male or Female?

Female Male No Preference

Female Male No Preference

Inbound Region Desired

Asia

Europe

Central/South America

Surprise Me (any location)

Please return by August 31st, via email to admin@rye5010.org

**Exceptions, One-Way Exchanges, and Unforeseen Circumstances may be a factor.*

The Rotary Club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and any other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact. The Club certifies that it will adhere to the following and will comply with Rotary International guidelines and U.S. Department of State regulations.

Inbound

Pre-Arrival:

- Appoint a club youth exchange officer and counselor (of opposite gender) to work with the student. Both will meet volunteer training and standards established by RI and US DOS.
- Complete and timely return the student's host guarantee form to the Alaska-Yukon office (necessary overseas for the inbound student's visa). The first host family must be completely vetted and oriented at this time.
- Ensure that contacts are made with the inbound student and his/her family prior to arrival.
- Provide to the student and his/her family the name and contact information of the first host family and one Rotarian YEO or Counselor who may not simultaneously be a host parent.

First Week:

- Ensure that student's visa and documents (e.g., DS-2019) and return airplane ticket are correct.
- Open bank accounts (personal and emergency) and deposit the student's \$500 emergency funds.
- Register the student in school with club YEO identified as the guardian for school contact.
- Provide the student with contact information for the club President, 2 non-Rotarian resource persons (one male, one female – school personnel are typical candidates), local medical, dental & mental health professionals, and a list of local services (rape and suicide crisis hotlines, alcohol & drug awareness programs, other relevant community services).

Ongoing:

- Provide three host families for each exchange student; select, screen & prepare those host families, and ensure that the families provide a safe and welcoming environment for the student.
- Engage the student in Rotary through regular attendance at Club meetings and activities.
- Encourage Club members to invite the student to additional activities.
- Ensure that the student and YE rep from each club attend all District required training events.
- Support the student and maintain monthly contact. Help them adapt to our culture and language.
- Stay in touch with host families; identify and respond to issues and problems quickly
- Provide monthly stipend (\$100) and cell phone service to the student.
- Maintain contact with the Inbound Coordinator.

Outbound

- Engage the club Rebound student, who recently returned from exchange. Invite them to club meetings & activities; involve them in recruiting & selecting an outbound for the coming year.
- Support the club Outbound student who is on exchange; maintain at least monthly contact.
- Recruit, screen, select and prepare an Outbound Student for the coming year. This includes personal interviews of applicants and their parents, and orientation programs that include but are not limited to discussion of program rules, expectations of students, support systems, intercultural adaptation, and sexual abuse and harassment.
- Ensure the student and YEO or Counselor attend Winter Orientation.
- Maintain contact with the Outbound Coordinator.