

# District 5630 Rotary Youth Exchange

## Application Procedure

**Long Term Exchange** – 10-11 months and student attends high school

**Short Term Exchange** -- 4-6 weeks and is a family to family exchange

The forms referred to appear on the District 5630's Youth Exchange website: [www.5630rye.org](http://www.5630rye.org)

- 1) **Complete the PRELIMINARY APPLICATION.** (A more in depth application will be required for those students accepted into the program.)
- 2) **Provide the CONFIDENTIAL SCHOOL REFERENCE form to you school counselor, teacher or administrator** – have one of them complete the form and secure it in a sealed envelope. Attach the UNOPENED envelope to the Preliminary Application.
- 3) **Submit your Preliminary Application (1 original and 3 copies), Confidential School Reference (in a SEALED ENVELOPE) and two (2) Letters of Reference to your local Rotary Club by OCTOBER 15, 2010.**
- 4) Your local Rotary Club will schedule interviews with applicants to determine which applicants will advance to District Interviews and notify the District Youth Exchange Chairman by November 1.
- 5) District Interviews will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 in North Platte. Applicants wishing to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange in 2011-12 and their parents MUST PARTICIPATE in the District Interviews on November 20. As part of District Interviews, **applicants will be required to give a 3-4 minute speech** about themselves, why they want to be a Rotary Exchange Student and what country/countries they wish to exchange to and why.
- 6) Students will be notified by November 30 whether or not they have been selected for the District 5630 Rotary Youth Exchange Program in 2011-12. The first payment is due December 15.
- 7) Upon notification of acceptance into the program, students should immediately begin the process of obtaining a passport. If the student already has a passport, the expiration date must extend a minimum of 3 months beyond August, 2012. **DO NOT POSTPONE APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT. A copy of the student's SIGNED passport MUST accompany the application due on February 1.** Failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application.
- 8) If selected, students must complete the *ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE APPLICATION* form (**4 copies, each with ORIGINAL SIGNATURES**). **ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK AND DATED.** Students may complete the first copy of the application, make three (3) copies and then obtain all signatures.
- 9) **Each person must sign each copy of the application.** If the student's parents are divorced, regardless of custody arrangements, **BOTH** parents must sign the application. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES FROM THE SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS.**

- 10) All FOUR (4) copies of the *ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE APPLICATION* must be completed and the second payment **mailed before February 1, 2011 to:**

*Ronna Morse  
Rotary District 5630  
Youth Exchange Committee Chairman  
112 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Valentine NE 69201-1820*

- 11) Outbound students and their parents must attend a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2011 in Grand Island.** There, students will learn about travel, health, youth protection, living in a different culture, serving as an ambassador, expectations and other requirements of Rotary Youth Exchange. Students will meet and interact with current exchange students as well as past exchange students.
- 12) Outbound students must attend an orientation held in conjunction with the Rotary District 5630's District Conference April 16, 2011 in Grand Island.
- 13) Outbound Long Term Exchange students must attend mandatory Outbound Camp, a 5-day camp that prepares them for the exchange experience. The camp is scheduled for June 15-19, 2011 and will be held in either northwest Arkansas or in Oklahoma. Camp fees are included in the student fee. Extra days will be required to travel to and from Outbound Camp. Short Term Exchange students will have an additional orientation session in April or May.
- 14) All students must sign an agreement to follow the rules for Rotary Youth Exchange. Students may be required to sign a similar agreement for their host district. Failure to follow the rules of Rotary Youth Exchange will result in the early termination of the student's exchange and he/she will be sent home.
- 15) **Short Term Exchange** students' families will host an inbound student, therefore, all those in the household over the age of 18 are subject to a background check conducted by a company contracted by Rotary District 5630.