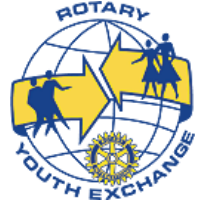




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## Central States Rotary Outbound Exchange Program, LLC.

### COUNTRY SELECTION WORKSHEET *with Individual Country Notes*

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### COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Use this worksheet to assist you in prioritizing your country preferences. It is *very important* that you *read* the individual country notes *carefully*. Some countries have restrictions that will make you **NOT ELIGIBLE** to go to that country. For example, some countries will have a minimum language requirement (Such as requiring you to have **ONE year of French** to go to **Belgium**), a **MINIMUM AGE** requirement (such as **Belgium** doesn't want any student **younger than sixteen and half (16.5) years old** as of August 15 of your departure year), or a **MAXIMUM AGE** requirement (Such as **Belgium** that doesn't want any student **older than eighteen and half (18.5) years old** as of August 15 of your departure year).

We have listed the top four (4) reasons's that caused students to make incorrect country choices due to them not reading the restrictions that applied to that country. You need to be aware of these before you make your final country selection so you don't **RANK** a country that you **DON'T** qualify for.

- 1.) Twenty three (23) Countries have **Age Requirements**. Please check the requirements carefully as each country listed may have a minimum age, a maximum age and/or they may have both age limitations. They are as follows:  
**Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey and Venezuela**
- 2.) Four (4) countries that have a **minimum Language requirement**. They are as follows:
  - a.) Austria – One (1) year of German
  - b.) Belgium – One (1) year of French
  - c.) France – Two (2) years of French
  - d.) Switzerland – Two (2) years of German

- 3.) Six (6) countries that won't accept any student's that are **Vegetarian** and/or require you to be **very flexible** with **your diet**. These countries are as follows:  
**Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden and Turkey require you to be very flexible with your diet.**
- 4.) Three (3) Countries **DON'T** want you to have **GRADUATED** from **High School** prior to arrival. These countries are as follows:  
**Chile, Germany and Switzerland**

If you rank a country or countries that you cannot go to because of the restrictions that country has, you are wasting your selection. This could result in your being assigned to a country which you have given a lower priority.

In the grey box positioned before each country name, type in a number that coincides with the priority you give that country. A number 1 means it is your top choice, a number 2 means it is your second choice, etc. The higher the number, the lower the priority you give that country selection. Please be sure to place a **NUMBER** or **N/A** (For a country you are not eligible for) in front of **all forty three (43)** countries.

You **will not be assigned a Country** if you don't fill the Country Preference Checklist out completely. The processing and assignment of your application will be held up until you provide a completed **Country Preference Checklist**.

You will see that all the countries listed below are in a certain color such as Argentina is colored **Brown**. These colors will coincide with the specific correspondent handling that country such as **Argentina** is handled by the "**Latin American Two Correspondent**". Hopefully this will make it easier for you to find each country on the actual "Country Preference Checklist".

When you have completed this worksheet put your final selections on the Country Preference Checklist which is **Section F, Page 1** of the **Outbound Student Long - Term Program Application**.

*We have tried to outline the additional requirements that each country requires of you so you will be able to make a better informed choice. However, country requirements change all the time and this should only be construed as our best effort to inform you of any requirements that we are aware of as of August 1, 2009. Everyone at Central States Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program, LLC wants to welcome you as part of our family as you begin the process of a life changing experience.*

## Argentina

- Generally must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year with the exception that one older student will be permitted.
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Students are required to purchase insurance in Argentina with a cost of between \$450 and \$600 per year.

## Australia

- Student must be 17 or younger on or before July 20 of your departure year.
- \$500 emergency fund required.
- Students are required to purchase medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$360 AUD.
- Some Districts require you to purchase General Liability Insurance at an approximate cost of \$550 AUD.

## Austria

- Students must have **one year of German** or the ability to learn German before departure
- Compulsory Language Camp is required. Cost is 450 Euro to be paid at the beginning of camp.
- Visa is obtained in Austria after arrival. Visa fee is 100 Euro.
- Will accept CSRYE Insurance
- Required Vaccination for “Meningo Encephalitis”, cost is 30 Euro/ Vaccination will be obtained in Austria after arrival.
- Arrival time in Austria is around August 5<sup>th</sup>

## Belgium

- Students must be between 16 ½ and 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students must have **one year of French** and submit a letter of intent to study French prior to departure. Occasionally placement is made in a Dutch speaking area which will also require a letter of intent to study the language.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Emergency fund of 400 Euro is required.
- Some districts require purchase of insurance at an approximate cost of 350 Euros.
- If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.

## Bolivia

- Generally must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year with the exception that one older student will be permitted.
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.

## **Brazil**

- Generally must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year with the exception that four older students will be permitted.
- Students are expected to learn basic Portuguese skills prior to departure.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.

## **Chile**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year and cannot have graduated from high school.
- Students are required to purchase of medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$500.

## **Croatia**

- Willing to take any aged students but will also take one older students between the age of 18 and 18 ½ on or before August 15 of your departure year.
- Required to purchase insurance in Croatia which costs approximately \$ 65.00 per month.

## **Czech Republic & Slovak Republic (You could be assigned to either country)**

- Language Camp is required at no cost – **Czech Republic**
- Must obtain visa prior to arrival – **Czech Republic**
- Language Camp is optional but Highly Recommended – **Slovak Republic** -
- Emergency fund of 350 Euro required upon arrival – **Slovak Republic** -
- Will obtain Temporary Residence Permit after arrival in Country at approximately \$ 3500 SKK. (Students must take items per instructions received from Rotary with them) – **Slovak Republic**

## **Denmark**

- Must be 18 years of age or younger as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Prefer that students have not graduated from high school.
- Mandatory Language Camp – at no cost
- Central States Insurance is acceptable
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.

## **Ecuador**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.

## **Estonia**

- No restrictions.

## **Faroe Islands**

- No restrictions.

## **Finland**

- Student must not be over the age of 18 on or before August 15 of your departure year.
- Language Camp required – cost of approximately \$380 Euros
- Central States Insurance is acceptable

## France

- Students must be between 16 and 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Emergency fund of 400 – 500 Euros required upon arrival.
- Students must purchase insurance at an approximate cost of 360 Euros.
- Students must have **two years of French** and submit a letter of intent to study the language prior to departure.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.
- A specific tuberculosis vaccine (BCG) is required that is not available in US or Canada – student will receive the vaccine in France.
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Students are expected to stay in France until at least June 30.

## Germany

- Germany prefers students who have not yet graduated from high school and not older than 18.5
- **Prefers students who have already begun German language studies, but will accept students who indicate a willingness to begin instruction in German as soon as assigned to the country.**
- If you are selecting Germany you must submit a letter of intent to learn the language with your application.
- Most districts in Germany will organize a language camp at a cost of approximately \$250
- Students are required to purchase German insurance at a cost of approximately 360 Euros.
- Students are expected to stay eleven (11) months and not leave before the end of the school year.

## Greenland

- No restrictions.

## Hungary

- Must obtain Visa (D-9) prior to arrival.
- Students are expected to learn some Hungarian Language prior to arrival (Simple Phrases)

## Iceland

- No restrictions.

## India

- No restrictions.

## Indonesia

- No restrictions.

## **Italy**

- Students must be between 16 and 17.5 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Basic knowledge of Italian is expected prior to departure.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- Emergency fund of 400 - 500 Euros required upon arrival.
- Student must purchase country's insurance at an approximate cost of 300 Euros.
- If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- The exchange terminates at the end of the school year, usually early in June.

## **Japan**

- Prefer younger students ages 16 and 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Japanese – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying as soon as assigned.

## **Latvia**

- No restrictions.

## **Lithuania**

- Student will obtain residence permit after arrival with the assistance of Rotary in Lithuania.

## **Malaysia**

- No restrictions.

## **Mexico**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are required to purchase of medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$500.

## **Norway**

- Students must be between 16 and 18 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Mandatory Language Camp at approximate cost of 5000 Norwegian crowns - hosts will pay one half of cost – student pays other half.
- Central States Insurance acceptable

## **Paraguay**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.

## **Poland**

- No restrictions

## **Peru**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.

## Philippines

- No restrictions.

## Russia

- Must not be older than 17 years, 6 months on or before August 15 of your departure year
- Letter of invitation by Russian Government required to obtain visa (This is obtained by Rotary in Russia prior to arrival)
- Russian Schools do not start until Mid-September

## Spain

- Students are required to purchase local insurance at a cost of approximately 500 Euros.
- School usually starts mid September

## South Africa

- Student cannot be older than 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are required to purchase South African insurance at a cost of approximately \$ 250.00 which must be paid prior to their arrival.
- Departure date is right after CSRYE “Calvin Summer Conference”
- Rotary Tours of Country available at additional cost.

## South Korea

- Prefer younger students ages 16 and 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Korean – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying as soon as assigned.

## Sweden

- Must be born in year 1991, 1992 or 1993 of your departure year
- Required language camp at beginning of exchange approximately 1500 SEK
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed

## Switzerland

- Students must be born between August 1, 1992 and February 1, 1995 of your departure year.
- Switzerland prefers students who have not yet graduated from high school.
- All students will attend school in a German speaking area of Switzerland
- Preference will be given to applicants who have had a **minimum of TWO years of HS German** or equivalent experience. Students without prior German language training will be considered only if they submit a letter agreeing to begin German instruction as soon as they receive their assignment. This letter must be submitted along with the application.
- A mandatory 4-week language course is required for all students at an approximate cost of 900 Swiss francs. Students who are fluent in German can be exempted from this course following an interview with a member of the Swiss RYE office at least one month prior to departure.
- Students are required to purchase insurance at a cost of 600 – 670 Euros and must be paid prior to their arrival.
- Students are expected to arrive in early August for a mandatory orientation meeting which is held in mid-August. Students are also required to stay until the end of the school year which is usually around July 10.

## **Taiwan**

- Prefer younger students ages 16 or 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Mandarin Chinese – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying it as soon as assigned.

## **Thailand**

- Students accepted at up to 19 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Some districts may require insurance at a cost of approximately \$480.

## **Turkey**

- Students must be between 16 and 18 years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Turkish is a difficult language – study prior to departure is greatly recommended with student having some ability to communicate essential thoughts prior to arrival.
- Students will be expected to be very flexible with diet.
- If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Students may be required to purchase a school uniform at a cost of approximately \$100.

## **Venezuela**

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Purchase of medical insurance required at an approximate cost of \$500.