

District 5630 Rotary Youth Exchange

Application Procedure

Long Term Exchange -- 1 year 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

- 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, Confidential School Reference (in a SEALED ENVELOPE) and two Letters of Reference to your local Rotary Club by OCTOBER 15, 2008.**
- 4) Your local Rotary Club will schedule interviews with applicants to determine if they will advance to District Interviews.
- 5) District Interviews will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 in North Platte. Applicants wishing to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange in 2009-10 and their parents **MUST PARTICIPATE** in the District Interviews on November 22.
- 6) You will be notified by December 15 if you have been selected for the District 5630 Rotary Youth Exchange Program in 2009-10.
- 7) 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.** Failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application.
- 8) All application copies **must be completed and mailed by January 15, 2009 to:**
Ronna Morse
District 5630 Youth Exchange Committee
112 West 1st Street
Valentine NE 69201-1820
- 9) Students must submit a non-refundable application fee by January 15, 2009.
Long Term Exchange Fee--\$300
Short Term Exchange Fee--\$150
The check should be made payable to *Rotary District 5630 Youth Exchange*.
If the application fee is not received, the application will not be processed and the exchange will not be pursued.
- 10) Upon notification of acceptance into the program, students will have until January 15, 2009 to withdraw from the program.

- 11) 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, 2010. **DO NOT POSTPONE APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT.** Because of passport requirements and demand for US passports, the process can take several months.
- 12) Students and their parents must attend a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2009 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.
- 13) Students must attend an orientation held in conjunction with the Rotary District 5630's District Conference April 17-19, 2009 in North Platte.
- 14) 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) Students are required to purchase insurance for their exchange through CISI Bolduc.
- 16) **Short Term Exchange** students' families will host a 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.