

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 (2) Letters of Reference to your local Rotary Club by OCTOBER 15, 2009.**
- 4) Your local Rotary Club will schedule interviews with applicants to determine which applicants will advance to District Interviews.
- 5) District Interviews will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 in North Platte. Applicants wishing to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange in 2010-11 and their parents **MUST PARTICIPATE** in the District Interviews on November 14.
- 6) Students will be notified by November 25 whether or not they have been selected for the District 5630 Rotary Youth Exchange Program in 2010-11.
- 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, 2011. **DO NOT POSTPONE APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT. A copy of the student's 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. Each person must sign each copy of the application. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the required signatures from the sponsoring Rotary Club officers.
- 9) All FOUR (4) copies of the *ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE APPLICATION* must be completed and the first payment **mailed before February 1, 2009 to:**

Ronna Morse
Rotary District 5630
Youth Exchange Committee Chairman
112 West 1st Street
Valentine NE 69201-1820

- 10) Students and their parents must attend a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** scheduled for **Saturday, February 20, 2010 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.
- 11) Students must attend an orientation held in conjunction with the Rotary District 5630's District Conference May 1-2, 2010 in North Platte.
- 12) Students must attend Outbound Camp, a 5-day camp that prepares them for the exchange experience. The camp is usually scheduled for the first week of June.
- 13) 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.
- 14) **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.