

CENTRAL STATES ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM, INC

Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange

As a Youth Exchange Student sponsored by a Rotary Club and/or District, you must agree to the following rules and conditions of exchange. Please note that districts may edit this document or insert additional rules on the reverse side if needed to account for local conditions.

Rules and Conditions of Exchange – Violations will result in a district review and restrictions. Severe/Consistent disregard for these rules will result in being returned home.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Obey the Laws of the Host Country – If found guilty of violation of any law, student can expect no assistance from their sponsors or their native country. Student will be returned home as soon as he/she is released by authorities. 2) The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Medicine prescribed by a physician is allowed. 3) The student is not authorized to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind which requires a federal/state/ provincial license or participate in driver education programs. 4) The illegal drinking of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. Students who are of legal age should refrain. If the host family offers a student an alcoholic drink, it is permissible to accept it under their supervision in their home. 5) Stealing is prohibited. There are no exceptions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Unauthorized travel is not allowed. Students must follow the travel rules of the Host District. 7) Limit your use of the internet and mobile phones, as directed by your host district, host club and host family. 8) The student must attend school regularly and make an honest attempt to succeed. 9) The student must abide by the rules and conditions of exchange of the Hosting District provided to you by the District Youth Exchange Committee. 10) Students are not permitted to be employed on either a full or part-time basis but may accept sporadic or intermittent employment such as babysitting or yard work.
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Common Sense Rules and Conditions of Exchange –

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Smoking is discouraged. If you state in your application that you do not smoke, you will be held to that position throughout your year. Your acceptance and host family placement is based on your signed statement. Under no circumstances are you to smoke in your Host Family’s bedrooms. 2) Become an integral part of the Host Family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal for a student of your age and other children in the family. Respect your host’s wishes. 3) Learn the language of your host country. The effort will be appreciated by teachers, host parents, Rotary club members and others you meet in the community. It will go a long way in your gaining acceptance in the community and those who will become lifelong friends. 4) Attend Rotary-sponsored events and host family events. Show an interest in host family and Rotary activities to which you are invited. Volunteer to get involved, do not wait to be asked. Lack of interest on your part is detrimental to your exchange and can have a negative impact on future exchanges. 5) Get involved in your school and community activities. Plan your recreation and spare time activities around your school and community friends. Do not spend all your time with the other exchange students. 6) Choose friends in the community carefully. Ask for and heed the advice of host families, counselors and school personnel in choosing friends. 7) Do not borrow money. Pay any bills you incur promptly. Ask permission to use the family telephone, keep track of long distance calls and reimburse your host family each month for the calls you make. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8) Travel is permitted with host parents or for Rotary club or district functions authorized by the hosting Rotary Club or district with proper adult chaperones. Other travel must be approved by the host district contact, host club, host family and student’s own parents/legal guardians in writing exempting Rotary of responsibility and liability. Students may not travel alone or accompanied only by other students. 9) If you are offered an opportunity to go on a trip or to an event, make sure you understand any costs you must pay and your responsibilities before you go. 10) You must show proof of proper immunization. See page 4, question 5--- Immunizations. 11) Students should have sufficient financial support to assure their well-being during the exchange year. Your hosting district may require a contingency fund for emergency situations. It must be replenished by the student’s parents/guardians as it is depleted. Unused funds at the end of the exchange will be returned to the student. These funds must be turned over to your Host Rotary Club upon your arrival and is not meant to cover day-to-day expenses. 12) Any costs relative to a student’s early return home or any other unusual costs (e.g., language tutoring, tours, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the student’s own parents/guardians. 13) Students must return home directly by a route mutually agreeable to the host district and student’s parents/guardians.
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Common Sense Rules and Conditions of Exchange, continued

<p>14) You will be under the Hosting District’s authority while you are an exchange student. Parents/guardians must avoid authorizing any extra activities directly to their son/daughter. The Host Club and District Youth Exchange Officers must authorize such activities. If the student has relatives in the host country or region, they will have no authority over the student while the student is in the program.</p>	<p>16) Visits by your parents/guardians, siblings and/or friends while you are in the program are strongly discouraged. Such visits may only take place with the host club and host district’s consent and only within the last quarter of the exchange or during school breaks. Visits are not allowed during major holidays, even if occurring during school breaks.</p>
<p>15) Body piercing or obtaining a tattoo while on your Exchange, without the express written permission of you Natural parents, host parents, host club and host district, Is prohibited for health reason.</p>	<p>17) Avoid serious romantic activity. Abstain from sexual activity and promiscuity.</p> <p>18) Talk with your host club counselor, host parents, or other trusted adult if you encounter any form of abuse or harassment.</p>

Additional Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange:

A-Interscholastic activities and sports cannot be guaranteed. Regulations in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Canada are not all the same.

B-students should not expect to receive a high school diploma for participating in this program, as that is entirely up to the local schools.

Declaration:

IN CONSIDERATION of the acceptance and participation of the applicant in such program, the undersigned APPLICANT and his or her PARENTS or Legal GUARDIANS, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify, all host parents and members of their families, and all members, officers, directors, committee members and employees of the host and sponsoring Rotary Clubs and Districts, and of Rotary International, from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury or death, including any such liability which may arise out of the negligence of any such persons or entities, which may be suffered or claimed by such applicant, parent or guardian during, or as a result of, the participation by the applicant in such Youth Exchange program, including travel to and from the host country.

WE GIVE PERMISSION for any and all medical care as identified in the “Permission for Medical Care and Release of Medical Records and Liability” which we have signed and which may be deemed necessary or advisable for the treatment of any illness or injury suffered by applicant.

Having read and understood the “Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange” on both sides of this page, we each agree to abide by these rules and conditions and understand that any violation may result in abrupt termination of the exchange, and we further agree that the host Rotary club and host Rotary district shall have final authority in enforcing these rules and conditions and any other rules and conditions which may be imposed with due notice.

(Signature on all copies must be original and written in blue ink)

Signed _____ (Applicant) _____ (Print name)

Signed _____ (Father/Guardian) _____ (Print name)

Signed _____ (Mother/Guardian) _____ (Print name)

In the presence of Sponsor
 Rotary Club Representative _____ (Signature) _____ (Print name)

Dated this _____ Day of _____ (Month) _____ (Year)