



# DISTRICT 6440

## ROTARY SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

### A. What Is the Program?

It is a program that gives students age 15 to 19 the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange in a foreign country for a time period of 4 weeks to 6 months, instead of a whole year. This is preferably done on a reciprocal basis.

### B. What Role Does the US Hosting Club Play?

a) The Hosting Club needs to meet District (6440) and RI policy.

b) The Hosting Club YEO has to **visit**, interview and **qualify** a host family and have them fill out the CSRYE Host Family Application (background check required).

c) The Hosting Club enrolls the student into the school and the school lunch program, if the exchange takes place during the school year.

### C. What Role Does the US Sending Club Play?

The Sending Club has to make sure that the student that wants to go abroad fills out the R.I. short-term application. Then the YEO of the sending club has to interview and qualify the student for the exchange and forward the application to the Short-term Youth Exchange Chair.

### D. What Is the Cost of the Program for the Hosting Club?

The cost for the Hosting Club is limited to school enrollment fees and school lunches, if the student is hosted when school is in session. All other expenses are paid by the student.

### E. What Is the Cost of the Program for the Sending Club?

There is no cost for the Sending Club. All expenses are paid by the student.

### F. What is the Cost for the student?

Students pay for the airline ticket and spending money. Processing fee for the application is \$ 50.00.

### F. Who to Contact for More Information

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### G. Why is This Program so Attractive to Clubs and Host Families?

The time commitment is much shorter for the clubs and for the families involved.  
There is little or no cost involved for the clubs.

### H. Benefit of the Reciprocal Exchange

It simplifies the exchange. The outbound student's family will be the hosting family for the inbound. It doubles the cultural experience, because the students of both countries are together for a longer period of time.

It can be assumed that the host family in the other country will do for your child what they hope you will do for theirs. Lifelong international friendships are formed.