

– Financial Agreement –

for

Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student & Parent(s)

Long Term, Academic Year 2027-2028 District 5160, North Central California, USA

I/We, the undersigned, are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the Applicant named below and support our child's application to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program through Rotary District 5160.



Student Name (print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____, CA Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____, Email: _____

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is made possible through the generous support of Rotary volunteers and charitable contributions. As a result, the cost to participate is typically 60% or less than that of other year-long international high school exchange programs. Acceptance into the Rotary Youth Exchange Program is comparable to receiving a substantial scholarship toward a year of study abroad.

PROGRAM COSTS:

The total cost of the District 5160 Youth Exchange Program is:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Application Fee	\$400.00
Program Fee	\$6,975.00
Total Flat Fee	\$7,375.00

I/We understand that our family is responsible for the portion of the student's exchange expenses not subsidized by the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and agree to pay the Flat Fee in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

WHAT THE FLAT FEE INCLUDES:

1. Round trip, one-year open-return airfare to the assigned host country, including one ticket change;
2. Primary health, accident & liability insurance with a highly rated, U.S.-based international insurance provider (specific policy(ies) are selected by the host Rotary district);
3. Student visa preparation and registration;
4. Three mandatory Outbound Orientations (2027), including training materials, lodging, and meals;
5. Mandatory Welcome Home and Rebound activities (2028);
6. A Rotary Youth Exchange navy blazer;
7. Rotary Youth Exchange patches, lapel pins, color photo business cards, name badge, and US flag;
8. A comprehensive Outbound Handbook;
9. A language course selected by the District 5160 Youth Exchange Committee; and
10. Room and board by host families, tuition-free education, and a modest monthly allowance provided by the host Rotary Club during the student's exchange.

WHAT THE FLAT FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. Emergency funds of \$300 to \$500 as required by host Rotary district;
2. Travel expenses for pre-departure consulate visit, if required;
3. Year-end tours and other optional recreational travel in host country;
4. Medical and dental exams;
5. Passport fees;
6. Additional language courses and/or tutoring that may be necessary to help the student be as prepared as possible for a successful exchange. Foreign language proficiency is essential and it is the student's responsibility to undertake the necessary preparation;
7. Clothing or school uniform, if required;
8. Airline baggage fees and/or overweight baggage charges; and
9. Miscellaneous personal items, such as luggage, camera, cell phone, laptop, gifts, etc.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The Program Fee shall be paid according to the following schedule:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
\$400	Day of in-person interview
\$2,500	December 15, 2026
\$2,500	February 28, 2027
\$1,975	March 31, 2027

Payment by Visa or Mastercard is also available. Please contact the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Treasurer for payment instructions.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL TERMS:

The \$400 application fee becomes non-refundable once the student has been accepted as a Future Youth Exchange Candidate following the local Rotary club interview and the District 5160 interview.

AIRFARE, VISA, and COST ADJUSTMENTS:

District 5160 makes a good-faith effort to estimate airfare, visa fees, and registration costs up to one year in advance. While the District 5160 Youth Exchange Program reserve fund is intended to absorb minor increases in these costs, it cannot reasonably cover substantial or unforeseen increases. Therefore, if the actual cost of airfare, visa fees, and/or registration exceeds the estimated cost by more than 10%, I/we agree to pay the amount exceeding the 10% increase no later than May 31, 2027.

PURCHASES REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT:

Certain items included in the Flat Fee may occasionally need to be purchased directly by the family due to financial institution requirements or host country regulations. In those circumstances, reimbursement will be made by the District 5160 Youth Exchange Treasurer upon receipt of appropriate documentation and verification of expense.

WITHDRAWAL BEFORE HOST COUNTRY ASSIGNMENT:

If the student withdraws from the program **before** being assigned to a host country, the Flat Fee, less the \$400 application fee and any actual expenses incurred on the student's behalf (as determined by the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Program Treasurer), will be refunded.

WITHDRAWAL AFTER HOST COUNTRY ASSIGNMENT:

Once the student has been assigned to a host country, District 5160 and the corresponding host district will begin incurring expenses related to recruiting, screening, and training host families; assisting the student with the documentation required to obtain a visa; providing student training and orientation; and other administrative costs. Accordingly, once a host country has been assigned, the Flat Fee becomes **non-refundable**, unless the exchange cannot be arranged through no fault of the student or the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

EARLY RETURN or PROGRAM TERMINATION:

I/We understand that I/we are responsible for any costs associated with the early termination of the student's exchange, including the student's return home, as well as any other extraordinary expenses incurred on the student's behalf.

STUDENT and PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

I/We agree to support the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Program and my/our student by attending the mandatory activities:

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
_____	Outbound Orientation 1 (students and parents) Jan 2027
_____	Outbound Orientation 2 (students only) Mar 2027
_____	Outbound Orientation 3 (students and parents) Jun 2027
_____	Rebound Weekend (students only) late summer or early fall 2028

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

I/We understand that the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a year-long international cultural exchange designed to promote personal growth, cultural understanding, and international goodwill. It is not a tourist or vacation program. I/We further understand that the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Program does not offer exchanges to every country and cannot guarantee placement in a student's preferred or requested host country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above-named prospective District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange student, acknowledge that we have read and understand this District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Program Financial Agreement and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

PARENT / GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____, Date: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____, Date: _____

WITNESSED BY (ROTARIAN REPRESENTATIVE):

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Rotary Club: _____, Date: _____

PRINTING and SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete this Agreement in full then print two (2) unsigned copies.
2. Bring both unsigned copies to your in-person interview with the Sponsor Rotary club.
3. Sign and date both copies during the interview in the presence of a representative from the Sponsor Rotary club. Both parents or legal guardians must sign unless otherwise authorized by the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.
4. A representative of the Sponsor Rotary Club must also sign and date both copies.
5. Email one fully executed copy to the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Coordinator.
6. Mail one fully executed copy, along with the required \$400 payment, to the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Treasurer.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Make checks payable to "Rotary District 5160 Youth Exchange"
- Write **Application Fee** in the memo line.
- Mail the signed Agreement and payment to:

District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Treasurer
Attn: Claire Roberts
1 Creekledge Ct
Danville CA 94506

A fee of \$25 will be charged for a dishonored check.

QUESTIONS BEFORE SIGNING?:

If you have questions regarding this Agreement before signing, please contact the District 5160 Rotary Youth Exchange Chair, District Outbound Coordinator, or Treasurer. We encourage all students and families to fully understand the financial responsibilities associated with participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program before signing this Agreement.

Youth Exchange Chair	Outbound Coordinator	Treasurer
Chad Thompson 530-953-6935 d5160yexchair@gmail.com	Mark Storrey 530-945-8698 d5160yexoutbound@gmail.com	Claire Roberts 925-788-5240 clairerotary5160@gmail.com