



## Rotary International District 6600 Youth Exchange Program 2020-2021

Applications are accepted via the following link: <http://yehub.net/OER-obapp>

### Cost Requirements for Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Students (USD)

1. A **non-refundable application fee of \$400** *must* accompany each application. This fee is due at the December Interviews.
2. If the student is accepted to represent Rotary District 6600 as an Outbound Exchange Student, the Total Fee is \$1000 (\$400 Application fee + \$600).
  - a. This amount is due either via a payment schedule or in full upon notification of acceptance to the program. All checks should be made payable to Rotary District 6600 and the name of the student should appear on the "Memo" line of each check.
  - b. There is a partial refund (less expenses made on the student's behalf) available if the student decides not to participate. This refund is also dependent on student payment.

#### Payment:

Application Fee (Due at December Interviews)	\$400
February Training	\$300
March Training	\$300

May 1, 2018

Country Required Insurance Fees

3. **The \$950 Participation fee includes the following items and meetings:**
  - a. The cost of participating with the Ohio-Erie Multidistrict Youth Exchange Program. This includes the matching of the student's application to a country of choice, Committee Members contact with the country's contact, and all costs related to this contact (telephone charges, copying, postage, etc.). This also includes the assurance that the Ohio-Erie Multidistrict Youth Exchange Program maintains the Department of State Federal Regulations.
  - b. The cost of Rotary Items including a Rotary Blazer with a Rotary patch, personal business cards, several Ohio-related pins and other Rotary items as available.
  - c. The cost of participation to the two required district orientations, plus the required Ohio-Erie Multi-District Orientation. Parent fees are also included in the district orientations; but, there is an additional charge for parents attending the Ohio-Erie Multi-District Orientation.
  - d. The cost of participation at the Rotary District 6600 Conference.
  - e. Additionally, the sponsoring Rotary Club will furnish their Outbound Student with several of its Club Banners that are to be presented to the Hosting Rotary Club when the student does his or her presentation during their exchange.

#### 4. Additional Expenses:

- a. The medical and liability insurance require by Ohio-Erie Multidistrict Youth Exchange Program and Rotary International. Some countries may require the additional purchase of their own government-sponsored Health Insurance Plan. This additional insurance should be listed on the Ohio-Erie Country Information and Expenses Form.
- b. Travel expenses and transportation to the three orientations are the responsibility of the student. Carpooling is encouraged. Rotarians may provide transportation to the District 6600 Conference.
- c. The Outbound Students are strongly encouraged to attend the World Community Workshop that is held in Defiance in May. The registration, participation fees, and transportation may be paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club. Please discuss the payment of these fees with your sponsoring Rotary Club.
- d. The student is responsible for round trip airfare to the country he/she is accepted. This ticket will be supplied and invoiced by the Ohio-Erie travel agency, "It's your World, Travel!" There are no exceptions to this rule. Often less expensive tickets are available, but these do not meet the rigid requirements of Rotary International. Ticket prices can be volatile due to the cost of aviation fuel and prices can range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 USD.
- e. The student may need additional travel arrangements, either by airplane or train, to the destination city in the country that the student was accepted. This information will appear on the travel agency's statement. The mode of transportation greatly impacts these costs which may range from \$80 to \$300 USD.
- f. A passport is to be obtained and paid for by the student. If a Visa is needed (see Country Information Form), it may be either acquired by the travel agency and mailed to the student or, in some cases the student may need to travel to the Consulate in the United States to physically receive the Visa. Any extra costs will be itemized and explained on the statement from the Travel Agency.
- g. The Host Country may require incoming Exchange Students to attend a Language Camp. If required, the fees range from \$400 - \$500 for tuition.

#### 5. Emergency Fund Requirement

- a. Students are required to open a bank account in the host country's currency equivalent to \$350 USD. The student's Rotary Counselor normally assists with this procedure. It is suggested the signature of the counselor in addition to that of the student be required when withdrawals are made.
- b. Funds in the Emergency Fund can be used for major items such as winter clothes, shoes, planned or emergency expenses. But, the Emergency Fund **MUST BE MAINTAINED AT THE \$350 USD LEVEL**. Parents of Outbound Students should discuss with their stateside banker the easiest and least expensive way to maintain the required balance in the emergency fund.

## 6. Normal Everyday Expenses:

- a. While overseas, the costs for clothing, shoes, toilet articles, personal hygiene, grooming necessities, and required medications are to be purchases by the student. Personal entertainment, gift purchases, consumable school supplies and souvenirs are also expenses to be paid by the students, or “natural” parents or guardians. Most clubs provide their Inbound Students with a monthly allowance equivalent to approximately \$60 - \$120 USD. Receipt of this allowance normally can be expected, but the frequency and the amount of this stipend varies with the country and the Rotary Club.
- b. Some Rotary Clubs overseas will provide for noon lunches, standard required textbook, and (if required) school uniforms. Some may only provide for one or two scholastic items. Parents and students must keep in mind that all Rotary Clubs throughout the world vary when it comes to providing financial support for their host student. The amount of direct and indirect financial aid can be considerably different, even within the same country. It can depend upon the size of the Club, its dedication to the Youth Exchange Program, and the condition of the Club’s treasury. The student should tactfully discuss with his/her counselor what the Club does and does not furnish in the way of financial assistance, paid expenses, allowances, etc.
- c. Parents should be prepared to supply their student with adequate funds to meet his/her normal spending habits and requirements. Sticking to a budget and arriving at a balance between “wants” and “needs” should be discussed, clearly defined, and agreed upon by both the student and his/her parents before leaving. It can be very upsetting to parents to receive numerous and unexpected requests for additional funds.
- d. Parents and students are reminded that all telephone calls/text messages/or computer related expenses made by the student likely involve charges to the host family bill. These are to be paid by the student monthly. Whenever a student moves to a different host family, or when he/she departs for the United States, there should be no bill created by the student left unpaid.
- e. While in the host country, the student’s room and board will be provided by the Host families.

## 6. Optional Expenses:

- a. Parents are encouraged to attend the Final Orientation with their student on the Otterbein College Campus in July before their student leaves on their exchange year. Fees for registration, meals, and on-campus housing will be posted in the spring.
- b. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program often offers the students an opportunity to travel at various times during the exchange year, usually near the end of the school year, or during the Winter Break. Usually the Rotary Youth Exchange Committees in the States are aware of these opportunities, but sometimes there are new trips available of which we have not been advised. The trip(s) cost anywhere from \$200 to \$1600 (USD) and participation is optional. Parents and students should discuss, before departure, whether to take advantage of such opportunities. If interested, students should inquire about such trips once they reach their host country.