



November 27, 2019

Dear **Foreign Country Coordinator Name**:

Mountain & Plains District 5470 Rotary Youth Exchange in Colorado, USA, is requesting your Agreement to Exchange with us in the 2018-19 academic exchange year. We have already selected 27 Outbound Candidates, and are excited to send them on their greatest adventure through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Attached is our **AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE**, which outlines the requirements and opportunities for our Inbound Students. We would like to exchange **One / Two** student(s) each way between our D5470 and your **District / Multi District** in **Exchange Country**.

Please sign the **AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE** to acknowledge full understanding of our requirements and rules that must be adhered to by students from your Rotary District during the 2018-19 academic exchange year. If possible, please return a copy of this signed agreement by **December 31, 2017**, to me at **Your Email Address**.

I am the Country Coordinator for **Exchange Country**. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Warm Rotary Regards,

Your Name

Your Email

[D5470 Mountain & Plains Rotary Youth Exchange](#)



AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE **2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

- **NUMBER OF EXCHANGES:** District 5470 will send [redacted] Outbound Student(s) to your District and we will accept [redacted] Inbound Student(s) from your District.
- **AGE:** At least 15½ years at the start of the exchange year and no older than 17½ when the student ARRIVES in the USA. The student MUST NOT HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADUATED) in the host country.
- **INSURANCE:** Student will purchase dental, liability, medical, and travel insurance at the following website for approximately US\$1,300:
<http://mountainandplainsrye.com/inbound/insurance>. THE STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE INSURANCE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THE USA. WITHOUT PRIOR SPECIFIC AGREEMENT, WE CANNOT ACCEPT INSURANCE PURCHASED OUTSIDE OF THE USA.
- **EMERGENCY FUNDS:** The student must bring emergency funds in the amount of US\$500 to give to the Rotary Counselor or YEO to be deposited in a local bank of the hosting Rotary Club's choice. The emergency funds must not go below US\$500 during the exchange year; if they do, the funds must be replenished by the student's parents.
- **LENGTH OF EXCHANGE:** The exchange year is typically ten-months in duration, mid-August to mid-June, except in the case of summer tours and/or specific Exchange Agreements. Students should plan to arrive at least one week before the start of school. In Colorado, school starting dates vary greatly. Depending on location, students will be asked to arrive between July 20 and August 31, 2018. Students should plan to return home within two weeks of the end of school or, in the case of participation in a Rotary summer tour, within 7-10 days of the end of the tour. No partial year exchanges allowed.
- **TOURS:** Several spring/summer tours are made available to our Inbound Students and are two-four weeks in duration. The cost is IN ADDITION to any costs for the exchange year and must be paid by the Inbound Student at the time of application for the tour of choice. Payments must be made by check drawn on a US bank. Tour websites: <http://www.scattours.com/>, <http://www.mcmurraytravel.com/>, <http://www.usatour.us/>, <http://www.belousa.com/>.

- **VISA:** The student's visa should be for one year from arrival date to encompass a summer tour if desired.
- **AIR TICKET:** Students must have a ROUND-TRIP air ticket to the destination SPECIFIED BY THE HOST FAMILY AND ROTARY CLUB and must have an OPEN return or allow for a change of return date with minimal charges to the student. The ticket must be with an airline that operates year-round. Refer to the Visa Guarantee Form for arrival dates and airport codes.
- **MONTHLY ALLOWANCE:** The student will receive a monthly stipend in accordance with the location of the hosting Rotary Club within District 5470; the actual amount may vary from club to club, but it is typically US\$100.
- **TRAVEL:** Travel is allowed but is considered on a case by case basis. See our full travel policy [HERE](#).
- **PARENT VISITS:** Rotary International does not encourage parental visits, but we recognize that parents often wish to visit their student while he/she is abroad. Visits must NOT take place until the final three months of the exchange year and MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE by the hosting Rotary Club. Students cannot miss school nor can the visit interfere with any required D5470 meetings of the student.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** The State of Colorado requires specific immunizations in order that each Inbound Student may attend school. A form to be completed by the Inbound Student's family doctor will be sent with the Visa Guarantee Form and DS2019 prior to the student's departure for the USA. This form should be brought to the hosting Rotary Club Counselor or YEO on arrival. In addition to other required immunizations, each Inbound Student must have a current (within the last five years) Tetanus shot prior to departure for the USA.
- **RYE MEETINGS:** There are at least TWO required meetings (Inbound Orientation and District Interviews) and 2-3 optional RYE events in our District. Inbound Students arrange travel with their Rotary Counselor, YEO or other member of the hosting club to attend these meetings
- **ROTARY RULES:** Rotary International Rules outlined in the student's exchange application and signed by the student and his/her parents, relating to drinking, drugs, dating and driving are to be followed without exception.
- **ADDITIONAL RULES:** Each student's host family will have specific rules that must be adhered to without exception. The student should understand that these rules may vary from one host family to the next during the exchange year.

SIGNATURE

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PRINTED NAME

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DISTRICT or MULTIDISTRICT

COUNTRY

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