

MOUNTAIN & PLAINS ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST PROCESS

STEP ONE: The scholarship request must be initiated by the student, who indicates a need for scholarship assistance to his or her sponsoring Rotary Club and/or to the M&PRYE District Chair or RYE Committee or Board member.

- The student will request scholarship assistance by downloading a Scholarship Application from www.mountainandplainsRYE.com and submitting it to the sponsoring Rotary Club, together with:
 - ✓ 1) a letter from the student indicating what he or she is doing to earn money for the exchange year (savings, job, other grants, fundraising activity, etc.) and,
 - ✓ a supporting letter from the student's parent(s) stating how much the student's family can contribute and the financial reasons for the scholarship request (single parent, loss of job(s), siblings in college, illness in the family, etc.).

STEP TWO: The Sponsoring Rotary Club will be responsible for determining the real need of a student the club is sponsoring for the RYE program.

- The RYE Committee of the sponsoring Rotary Club will review the student's application and accompanying letters and recommend to the Club's Board of Directors the amount the club might provide in the way of financial assistance.
- Upon a decision by the Club's Board of Directors as to the amount of the award, if any, the sponsoring Rotary Club will submit the student's application and supporting letters, together with their own letter of support stating the amount they will contribute, and the club's check for that amount to the MPRYE District Treasurer.

STEP THREE:

Upon receipt of the documentation from the sponsoring club and the check, the District Chair, M&PRYE Treasurer and one other member of the M&PRYE Board of Directors will review and award a matching grant up to a maximum of \$1,000. The District Chair will write a letter to the student, copied to the sponsoring Rotary Club, indicating the total amount of the scholarship award to be credited to the student's RYE account. The student and parents will sign an Acceptance Agreement to repay all or a prorated portion of the award if the student does not successfully complete the exchange.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS WILL BE FEBRUARY 28 OF THE YEAR OF DEPARTURE.