



Rotary International  
District 6600  
Youth Exchange Program  
Exchange Year 2010-11

## Cost Requirements For Outbound Students

(listed in US Dollars, aka USD)

1. **A non-refundable application fee of \$25** should accompany each application. If the student is accepted to represent District 6600 as an Outbound Exchange Student, there is a Participation Fee of \$850. This amount is due upon notification of acceptance, unless other arrangements are made. All checks should be payable to Rotary District 6600 and the name of the student should appear on the "Memo" line of each check.
2. **The \$850 participation fee includes the following items and meetings:**
  - a. The cost of medical and liability insurance as required by Ohio-Erie MultiDistrict Youth Exchange Program. Some countries additionally require the 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. The Outbound Student will receive a Rotary T- shirt, blazer with Rotary patch, personalized Business Cards, some Ohio-related pins, and other Rotary items as available.
  - c. Participation, without additional cost, in the required two District orientations plus the Ohio-Erie MultiDistrict orientation. Parents are included in the two District orientations, but there is an additional charge for parents attending the Multi-district orientation.
  - d. Attendance at the April 30-May 2 Rotary District Conference in Huron.
  - e. The sponsoring Rotary Club will furnish their outbound with several of its Club banners that are to be presented to the Rotary Club when the student does a presentation overseas.
3. **Additional Expenses:**
  - a. Travel expense and transportation to orientations in Fostoria; Ypsilanti, MI; and Westerville, OH are the responsibility of the student. Carpooling is encouraged. Rotarians will provide transportation to the District Conference and World Community Workshop.
  - b. The student is responsible for round trip airfare to the country in which 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. Prices ranged from \$1,500 to \$2,500 USD for students in 2009.
  - c. A Passport is to be obtained and paid for by the student. If a visa is needed (see Country Info sheet), it will be usually be acquired by the travel agency and mailed to the student. Visas differ in cost and ease of obtaining. Any extra costs will be itemized on the statement from the travel agency. \*\*\*For some countries (France), the student must physically appear at a Consulate.
  - d. Occasionally, additional travel is necessary, either by plane or train, to a point closer to the residence of the Host Parents. If required, arrangements for this additional travel will be made by the travel agency and this expense will also

appear on the travel agency statement. The mode of transportation greatly impacts these costs which may range from \$80 to \$300 USD.

- e. The Host Country may require all incoming Exchange Students to attend a Language Camp. If required, anticipate \$400-\$500 USD for tuition.

#### 4. Emergency Fund Requirement

- a. Students are required to open a bank account in the amount of the host country's currency equivalent to \$350.00 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 this Emergency Fund account can be used for major items such as winter clothing, shoes, and planned or emergency purchases, **BUT MUST BE MAINTAINED AT THE \$350 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.

#### 5. Normal Everyday Expenses:

- a. While overseas, the costs for clothing, shoes, toilet articles, personal hygiene, grooming necessities and required medications are to be purchased by the student. Personal entertainment, gift purchases, consumable school supplies and souvenirs are also expenses to be paid by the student, translation: "natural parents." Most clubs provide their Inbound students with a monthly allowance equivalent to approximately \$60-80 USD. Receipt of this allowance normally can be expected, but the frequency and amount of this stipend varies with the country and the Club.
- b. Some Clubs overseas provide for noon lunches, standard required textbooks, 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 in the same country. It can depend upon the size of the Club, its dedication to the Exchange Program, and the condition of the Club 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 phone calls placed by the student likely involve charges to the host family phone bill. These are to be paid monthly. Whenever a student moves to a different host family, or when he/she departs for the States, there should be no phone bills created by the student left unpaid!
- e. While in the host country, the student's room & board is provided by host families.

#### 6. Optional Expenses:

- a. Parents are encouraged to attend the final orientation on the Otterbein College campus. Fees for 2009:  
\$125 per parent for on-campus housing, meals, and registration

\$75 per parent if not staying on campus. Hotel expense and travel to and from campus is the responsibility of the parent.

\$45 for Saturday only. Includes meals and registration

b. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program often offers students an opportunity to travel at various times, usually near the end of the school year, or during the Christmas break. Sometimes Rotary Youth Exchange officers 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 and participation is not required. 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 the host country.