

# Requirements for Outbound Exchange Students



As an exchange student, your job is to be a goodwill ambassador representing Rotary, District 6690, and the US. People here in the US will judge our program on your behavior, and the people you touch overseas will literally get their strongest perception about the US from you (good or bad...). Part of being an effective goodwill ambassador is to be prepared, and because of that, the following learning requirements are mandatory parts of the program.

- **Student must attend all YE monthly weekends**
- **Parents must attend December, February, and July (LT only) weekends**
- **3-4 research papers\* to write**
- **Help sponsoring Rotary club with service projects**
- **Start learning the new language immediate after receiving your country match.**
- **Students and parents responsibility to monitor web site for info about weekends, research papers, etc.**
- **Mid and post exchange reports (short term)**
- **Monthly reports (long term)**
- **Rebound debriefing weekend**

## **RESEARCH PAPERS & REQUIRED GROUNDWORK**

\*Four research papers and each paper should be 750-1000 words. The purpose of the papers is for you to be prepared for your exchange. Short terms: email to the papers to Kathy Gatterdam [kgatterdam@columbuscoal.com](mailto:kgatterdam@columbuscoal.com). Long terms: email the papers to Walter Lundstrom [WalterLundstrom@gmail.com](mailto:WalterLundstrom@gmail.com)

- 1. What is Rotary? (Due 1 week before the January RYE weekend)**
- 2. USA, Ohio, and your home town. (Due 1 week before the March weekend)**
- 3. Your host country and city. (Due 1 week before the May RYE weekend)**
- 4. The difference in culture between your home country and host country. *This paper takes a lot of research, because you're looking for the deep cultural differences, not music and food. (Only for long term students. Due 1 week before the July RYE weekend. Email it to Walter Lundstrom). Papers, if acceptable, may be published on the District Web Site.***

**Paper 1-3 are for all out-bounds. Paper 4 is only for long term out-bounds.**

**In addition to the above papers, after you get your country match up, you'll also need to translate the letter that was in your application to your new host language. Please email it to Kathy (ST) or Walter (LT).**

*Failing to deliver any of these research papers or the translated letter on time, will jeopardize your exchange and may result in you not being part of the program!*

## **LANGUAGE LEARNING**

When you get your country match, you must also start to learn your host language. There are numerous programs available. Rosetta Stone might be one of the best ones, but that is up to each student to find what works best for you and your budget.

## **PRESENTATION TO ROTARY CLUB**

After you have been accepted in to the program (after the district interviews) you'll need to get in touch with your sponsoring Rotary club to setup a time in April / May for you to do a 20 minutes Power Point presentation. I'll give you more information about that later. Most clubs fill up their programs quickly, so get in touch with them right away after you are accepted.

## **ONE IN 7,000 US HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DO THIS. BE THAT ONE**

You have started a life changing experience that VERY few people go through. I don't know the statistics for short term exchanges, but according to a National Geographic study last year, only one US high school student in 7,000 becomes an exchange student! You're very special!