
Outbound Candidate Behavior Agreement

District 5100 Sponsoring Clubs have the following Expectations:

Being chosen as a Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Candidate is an honor and a privilege. Along with this honor and privilege comes responsibility. We expect that every Outbound Candidate behaves as an ambassador for the United States, their community, Rotary International, District 5100, their Sponsoring Rotary Club, and their family.

The Sponsoring Rotary Club, in conjunction with a District 5100 Country Officer, reserves the right to remove the Outbound Candidate from the program if the Candidate does not meet the following requirements:

1. TRAINING

- a. The Outbound Candidate must attend the entire Outbound Candidate Orientation in January, and at least one parent/guardian must attend on Sunday of the Outbound Candidate Orientation. There will be no exceptions to this requirement unless permission is granted by the District 5100 Youth Exchange Committee Chair.
- b. The Outbound Candidate must attend the Eastern Oregon Discovery Excursion in its entirety.
- c. The Outbound Candidate must attend the District Conference and participate in the speech contest.
- d. The Outbound Candidate and family must attend the Final Parent and student Training in the spring.
- e. The Outbound Candidate and parents are expected to read, use, and be familiar with the District 5100 Rotary Youth Exchange Training materials, resources, and links available in print and on the District website - www.youthexchange5100.org.

2. RESPOND PROMPTLY

The Outbound Candidate will:

- Complete their application by the deadline identified by the Outbound Coordinator.
- Check their email at least once every 24 hours and respond promptly.
- Maintain a professional email name for the duration of their exchange experience.
- Be the main point of contact for the youth exchange program, NOT YOUR PARENTS.

3. PASSPORT

The Outbound Candidate must have a valid US passport by March of their exchange year. The passport must be valid for six months past the expected return from the Candidate's exchange (generally March, six months beyond an August return.)

4. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- a. The Outbound Candidate shall use It's Your World Travel (IYWT) for visa acquisition and travel arrangements, including purchasing a round-trip airline ticket to/from the Outbound Candidate's assigned host country.
- b. The Outbound Candidate's passport will be required for an indefinite period of time for the visa application process. Thus, any travel commitments outside of the United States during the spring and summer before the Outbound Candidate's exchange year must have expressed permission from the Sponsoring Club, District 5100 Country Officer, and IYWT.
- c. Provide documents as requested by IYWT promptly to ensure the efficient processing of their international documents.

5. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- a. The Outbound Candidate will be expected to demonstrate a beginner's proficiency in the language of the host country before the District Conference.
- b. It is expected that language study will continue until departure with the Outbound Candidate making their best effort to achieve basic beginning functional fluency, *eg. I'm sick, can you help me with directions*, prior to departure.
- c. If the Outbound Candidate's host country provides language expectations/instructions, these shall be adhered to.

6. ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

Most students who apply to be Outbound Candidates state they do not have a girlfriend or boyfriend at the time of their application. Our advice is to avoid becoming involved in a serious relationship before the Outbound Candidate exchange year. A serious romantic relationship can complicate the Outbound Candidate's already complicated life and jeopardize the success of their exchange year.

In addition, *but not limited*, to the listed Yellow Card and Red Card Behaviors in the District 5100 Behavior Improvement Policy, and the above requirements and responsibilities, the Sponsor Rotary Club may immediately remove the Outbound Candidate from the program for the following additional behaviors:

- Withholding significant health-related information
- Making false statements or providing false documentation on their application
- Failure to notify their Country Officer of a change in required medication or health status
- Expulsion or suspension from school
- Arrest for illegal activities
- Pregnancy or impregnation

By signing this agreement the Outbound Candidate and parent(s) acknowledge the contents of this agreement and acknowledge the student is a Candidate for exchange until the plane takes off for the Outbound Candidate's host country. At that time the rules and responsibilities they have signed as part of their Rotary International Youth Exchange agreement will be in effect and they will transition from being an Outbound Candidate to being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

Candidate Name: _____ Date: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Club YEO or President: _____ Date: _____

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