



ACACEMIC YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAM COST

The student fee for Rotary District 5500's Youth Exchange Program 2026-27 academic year is \$7,050. Rotary is proud to provide the most affordable, all volunteer-run, youth exchange program by subsidizing the cost of studying abroad. Valued at over \$14,000, this support for high school students covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend for the academic year abroad program. Naturally, you also have to consider these amounts against what it normally costs to keep you for 10-11 months living at home.

District 5500's fee includes:

- Application fees and postage for applications to host country
- Airfare – round trip/open ended, one-year ticket to host country
- Travel Agent Registration
- Health/Life insurance policy required by sending/hosting Rotary Districts (both US & Overseas)
- Interview & Materials
- 1-Day Orientation & Materials for Outbound Students & Their Families
- 2-Day Orientation & Materials for Outbound Students
- Half Day Rebound Orientation (debriefing and support when you return to the US)
- Business Cards
- Pins for Trading
- Patch
- Meals and/or refreshments at mandatory Rotary interviews and orientations prior to your departure
- We arrange for a host Rotary Club to provide students, while in the exchange country, with:
 - Room and board with 1 to 3 host families in your host country
 - A Monthly Rotary Stipend from hosting Rotary Club (equivalent of \$100 USD in local currency)
 - High School Registration in Host Country
 - Local Rotary Club support, Rotary Counselor, and supervision in host country

Not included in the flat fee:

- Passport
- J-1 Visa/Residency Permit (and any fees required by the foreign government)
- Travel to embassy/consulate to obtain visa (if required)
- Paperwork fees to obtain visa or application (Notary, etc.)
- Vaccinations, Immunizations & Medications
- Predeparture Medical & Dental Exams (required)
- Local Travel
- Camera, Clothes, Personal Items
- Language Camps in Host Country, mandatory or otherwise
- Luggage Fees (in excess of basic covered by airline ticket)
- Currency Exchange Fees
- Bank Fees
- Tours & Travel in Host Country
- Emergency Fund (determined by Rotary Host District, usually \$300 - \$500 USD; unused funds will be refunded to you at the conclusion of your exchange)
- Spending money while abroad. On average, students use about \$100-\$200/month, depending on the student (i.e., clothing, souvenirs).

Your Sponsor Club will provide a \$100 stipend for you to use toward the cost of a blazer, pins and/or gifts for the host family.

Rotary District 5500 Long Term Youth Exchange Program Fee Schedule

Effective 5/25/2025

Due Date	Installment	Refund Request Must Be Received By District YE Chair	Refund Amount
Nov. 2025 At Interview	\$ 50.00	Non-Refundable Application Fee	Non-Refundable
01/15/2026	\$2,000.00	On or before 3/01/26	Amount paid LESS \$300
03/01/2026	\$2,000.00	On or before 4/01/26	Amount paid LESS \$1,500
06/01/2026*	\$3,000.00*	After 5/16/26 but before departure	Amount paid LESS \$3,000 if no plane ticket has been issued
*Parent-paid insurance	Will lower final paymt.	7/1/2026 or After	NO REFUND
2025/26 Fees	\$7,050.00	For 26-27 Exchange	

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- Please make checks payable to: **Rotary International District 5500** and write “Rotary Youth Exchange and the student’s first and last name” on the memo line of the check. Full payment is accepted anytime. Mail to: District 5500 – RYE, c/o Cindy Dooling, 4470 N Grizzly Springs Drive, Tucson, AZ 85745.
- Your sponsoring Rotary Club may or may not offer financial assistance. Please check with them. If the student qualifies for and is receiving financial assistance, that amount will be taken off the June 1st installment amount.
- Fee is subject to change if there is a significant increase due to airfare.
- Should the student discontinue participation in the exchange program, the unused portion of the fee will be refunded, less a service charge, dependent on time of withdrawal. Please see Fee Schedule above.
- Should the Exchange Committee, for any reason, decide that the applicant would not fit into the program a full refund will be forthcoming less any airfare commitment and the non-refundable Application Fee.
- The candidate must notify the District Youth Exchange Chair, in writing, of his/her withdrawal from the Exchange Program by the dates listed on the Fee Schedule above. Email written notice of withdrawal to YouthExchangeOfficer@RotaryD5500.org.

For questions about District 5500’s Long Term Youth Exchange Program Fee Schedule, please contact YouthExchangeOfficer@RotaryD5500.org.

I have read and agreed to adhere to District 5500’s Long Term Youth Exchange Program Fee Schedule:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Outbound Student Signature

Date