

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH
EXCHANGE PROGRAM
California-Nevada District 5190**

General Information and Program Rules - Inbound

All incoming District 5190 Youth Exchange program participants and their parents are required to read, sign, and return this document to District 5190 prior to arriving in the United States. The program rules will be strictly enforced.

1. Upon arrival, the student is required to have a prepaid, non-restricted airplane ticket for the return home flight.
2. Each student will be required to bring an emergency fund of \$350.00 US. This money may be spent only with the approval of the counselor. The natural parents must replenish any expenditure from the fund.
3. All students must purchase the District 5190 approved health insurance policy or receive approval for any other policies from the District Chairman. Insurance must be in effect immediately upon arrival.
4. Students will not be allowed to travel unsupervised. Students will be required to have the consent of their counselor and the District Chairman prior to taking any trips outside of the district and may not travel in private airplanes without the prior written consent of the natural parents. Hitchhiking is forbidden.
5. Students may not drive or operate any type of motor vehicle in any circumstances. This includes automobiles, trucks, boats, motorbikes or cycles, snowmobiles or any other motor driven conveyance.
6. Students are required to attend school and will be expected to diligently pursue studies. Students are expected to conform to all school policies and procedures. If students anticipate receiving credit for schoolwork, it will be the responsibility of the student to arrange for the necessary transcripts. This is a student exchange and maintenance of the entrance Visa also requires the student to attend school or it can be voided.
7. Students are expected to refrain from the use and abuse of alcoholic beverages. Use of such beverages as part of ceremonial occasions with the host family should be done in moderation, but under no circumstances should students consume alcoholic beverages in public places or at Rotary functions. The legal drinking age in District 5190 is 21.
8. The use of drugs in any form, except as prescribed by a registered physician, is expressly forbidden. Violation of this rule will result in the immediate termination of exchange.
9. Students are discouraged from smoking. Customs in the U.S. are changing, and smoking is frequently restricted in schools, buildings, and in many homes. The host family will establish rules governing smoking in the home of the host family.

10. Students should not form romantic attachments or "go steady" while on exchange. Engaging in sexual intercourse will be cause for termination of the exchange. Students are not allowed to host boyfriends/girlfriends from their home country unless they are accompanied by their natural parents.
11. Students should make a concerted effort to adjust and adapt to the host family environment, including participation in family activities, household work assignments and other tasks or activities, which are considered normal.
12. Students will be required to complete a quarterly report and submit a copy of the report to their counselor and District 5190 Chairman.
13. Students should correspond on a regular basis with their natural parents and friends from home.
14. Students will be encouraged to participate in Rotary meetings and will be required to make a presentation to the hosting Rotary Club concerning their native country .
15. Visits by parents are encouraged; however, it is strongly suggested that they be made only during the second half of the year, after the student has had the opportunity to adapt to the exchange. Under no circumstances will boyfriends/girlfriends be allowed to visit, unless during an approved parental visit.
16. Shoplifting is a crime in the United States. Students caught shoplifting will be sent home immediately.

THESE RULES ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY AND TO HELP ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING YEAR AS A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT IN DISTRICT 5190.

STUDENT: I understand and agree to obey the rules of District 5190. I understand that if I do not obey these rules my exchange may be terminated and I may be sent home.

Student Name (Print) _____ Country _____

Student Signature _____ Sponsor District _____

Date _____

PARENTS: I understand the rules of District 5190. I further understand that if my child does not obey these rules he or she may be sent home.

Parent's Signatures

Father _____ Date _____

Mother _____ Date _____