**D6930 ROTARY SHORT- TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM (S.T.E.P**.)

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 **ROTARY CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**:

1. Work with the District Chair to insure student completes the application in YEAH database and all documents uploaded;
2. Conduct an in-home host family interview (only 1 is necessary);
3. Coordinate 1 or more activities with the host family as desired by the in-bound student (such as a cook-out, movie, short trip to an amusement park or zoo, ect.);
4. Ensure that the student attends at least 1 Rotary meeting (in-bound and out-bound);
5. Ensure that the student is welcomed upon arrival;
6. Designate a host club counselor;
7. Designate a host club youth exchange chairperson and
8. Provide the student with the necessary contact information for club president, counselor, club youth exchange chair and two, non-Rotarian resource persons for student support

(1 male, 1 female- provided through Ohio-Erie Multidistrict).

**ROTARY CLUB ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS**

1. No cost to club other than minimal administration time;
2. No long-term involvement of club;
3. No meetings or seminars needed to learn and understand the program;
4. The club gets RI and District recognition for involvement;
5. Promotion of S.T.E.P. is easy-just distribute the poster and brochure to school officials and meetings where students gather;
6. The club is helping to change lives one student at a time.

 **STUDENT AND FAMILY COSTS**

1. Family purchases their own airline ticket;
2. Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months after student returns)
3. Mandatory Rotary certified health insurance- less than $5.00 per day;
4. $600.00 Application payable to District 6930 (O-E receives $300 of this fee);
5. Spending money while abroad which should include at least $200. For emergencies;
6. Background check for host family members, in the home, 18 yrs. or older- cost is usually less than $14.00 per person;
7. Hosting costs for visiting student - usually about 4 weeks;
8. No VISA’s required.

**APPLICATION**

1. D6930 deadline for applications is March 1st, 2020;
2. The O-E deadline is March 31st, 2020. The month between the District and O-E deadline is necessary for addressing any incompleteness in the application process.
3. O-E will make ALL of the matches. It will accept applications and will work on preferred country placements on a first come, first serve basis. The sooner the District gets the completed application, the better the chances are for the student to receive their first country choice.
4. HOW TO APPLY- EVERYONE APPLIES THROUGH THE Y.E.A.H. HUB

Volunteers- https://yehub.net/OER-volapp

Host Families- <https://yehub.net/OER-hfapp>

S.T.E.P. Students- https://yehub.net/OER-stapp

**PROMOTIONAL SITES AND MATERIALS**

1. New poster and brochure, in a pdf format, updated for 2020, can be emailed to you.
2. Link to S.T.E.P. video- https://youtu.be/XjP1PifMgCQ
3. Ohio-Erie Multidistrict website: [www.ohioerie.org](http://www.ohioerie.org)
4. Rotary International website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)