

LONG-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONDITIONS CONFIRMATION FORM

PURPOSE:

The main goal of the program is to achieve international peace and understanding through mutual cultural exchange. This program offers young people the opportunity to explore other countries and cultures under the umbrella of Rotary. The aim is not solely to learn a foreign language for one year.

COUNTRIES:

The Long-Term Youth Exchange Program is implemented with Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, the United States, Canada, and Taiwan. Initiatives for new countries are also ongoing.

DURATION:

The program will begin around August 3, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES:

1. The program is open to everyone who meets the following criteria, both Rotary children and non-Rotary children.
2. Candidates must be born between March 1, 2008, and February 28, 2011. (The candidate should be at least 15 years and 6 months old by August 31, 2024, and not exceed 18 years and 4 months old by June 30, 2025.) Flexibility on birth dates may apply for countries outside the USA, Canada, and Japan.
3. Candidates' families must reside within the U.R. 2430 District and the city of the sponsoring club.
4. Candidates must have a successful academic background and no disciplinary issues.
5. Candidates should have strong character and good moral integrity.
6. Candidates should be able to easily adapt to society and their environment.
7. Candidates should actively participate in community activities through their behavior.
8. Candidates must have good family relations.
9. Candidates must be capable of representing our country in the best possible way abroad.
10. Candidates should have a sufficient level of English to express themselves.

Once the candidates' participation in the program is confirmed, their clubs are required to host a foreign student for one year under the same conditions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

In order for applications to be valid, all forms must be filled out and signed. Every student who meets the above criteria can apply through a Rotary Club and participate in the club's preliminary selection process.

Clubs must send the signed forms of the pre-selected candidates to the 2430 District Office at the following address by 19/12/2025, 17:00 via post. Scanned forms must be sent by email to basvuru@rye2430.org by 19/12/2025, 00:00.

Interview Fee: 100 USD, and the payment receipt must be submitted with the application form.

(*) Candidates who submit a valid excuse at least 48 hours before the interview will be refunded 100 USD. However, no refund will be given to candidates who cancel or do not show up for the interview or fail to attend after arriving.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

- **Account Holder:** Rotary 2430. Bölge Federation
- **Bank Name:** Akbank
- **Branch:** Gimat
- **Currency:** USD
- **IBAN:** TR76 0004 6006 3100 1000 0902 09

EVALUATION:

After evaluating the applications from the Rotary Clubs, candidates who meet the required criteria will be invited to attend the selection interviews in Ankara. The date and other details of the selection process will be published on the district website and communicated to candidates via email.

Candidates who do not attend the selection interviews at the designated time and place will have their applications invalidated.

The interviews are not just a quiz but will focus on:

- The ability to express oneself,
- Presentation and speaking skills,
- Knowledge about our country and global cultures.

Candidates who have a sufficient level of English to express themselves will be given priority during the selection process.

The Selection Committee will determine the ranking of candidates on the day of the interview and announce it within two days.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

During the one-year exchange program, only the expenses for the stay in the host country will be covered by the Rotary Clubs.

Candidates are responsible for the following expenses:

- Round-trip travel costs,
- Residence permit fees,
- Insurance fees that comply with International Rotary's requirements,
- A contribution fee of **1,800 USD**.

The contribution fee includes:

- All correspondence and planning expenses,
- Accommodation and training costs for the Orientation Camp before departure,
- The cost of materials introducing Turkey to the candidate.

1,700 USD of the contribution fee will be paid after the interview and country confirmation. After the payment, the final application forms will be completed.

Important: No refund will be given if the candidate withdraws from the program after the country's confirmation.

Candidates must comply with the rules set by the 2430 District, UR, and the relevant countries regarding COVID-19 and other international regulations. The District is not responsible for any disruptions that may arise.

The applicant agrees, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK), to the use of their personal data by the UR 2430. District Federation, UR, and the relevant Committee.

The program may be canceled due to directives and sanctions imposed by the UR. Therefore, participants are responsible for any expenses incurred without Committee approval.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Students who are selected for the program are required to attend a high school for one year in the host country. Rotary does not guarantee the validity of the grades received in these schools in Turkey.
- After the program ends, students will return to Turkey. The return route must be the same as the initial travel route.
- Students will stay with multiple host families (if applicable) and must act as family members.
- Violating the rules of the Youth Exchange Program in the host country may result in the student being sent back home.
- Students must attend and successfully complete the Orientation Camp scheduled for July 2026 before going abroad.
- Passport, visa, and travel arrangements are the responsibility of the students and their families. Rotary is not liable for these matters.
- A 500 USD emergency fee is the responsibility of the students and their families. This fee will be handed over to the district advisor in the host country for emergencies and will be refunded one week before returning to Turkey if unused.

Students' participation in this program is confirmed only after acceptance by the destination district and the submission of the GUARANTEE / VISA FORM to the District Committee.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read all the information and details regarding the Long-Term Youth Exchange Program outlined above. I am submitting my application by fully accepting these terms and conditions. All the information provided in the application form has been filled out by me accurately and completely.

Candidate's Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian's Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Be sure to keep a copy of the completed form for your records. If you have any questions later, you can refer to the explanations provided in this form.