



Frequently Asked Questions on Finances by Parents and Guardians for the Long Term Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student Program.

What is the cost of the Long-Term Outbound Program?

Application fee is currently \$4,000. \$500 due at time of District approval, \$1750 May 1st and \$1750 June 15th.

What is the cost of the program and what does the fee include?

- 1) Language training provided by Rotary.
- 2) Hosting of your child for their exchange year including all meals and accommodation.
- 3) Schooling.
- 4) Blazers, business cards.
- 5) Mandatory orientations (Outbound and Inbound)

Is there an 'emergency fund' required?

Yes, approximately Cdn \$500.00 is required that will be given to your child's Rotary Counsellor upon arrival. Host District will advise of the exact amount.

This is to be used for medical or wellbeing emergencies such as physio, dental emergencies or other issues that may require immediate access to funds. These funds are returned at the end of exchange if not used. If used during the year, they must be replenished.

Please provide some specific examples of services and items that are NOT covered.

Return Airfare. Paid by applicant – must be booked through Rotary.

Travel to/from Outbound orientation session.

Visa processing fees and any transportation required to obtain Visa such as in person interviews at Consulates.

Extra-Curricular sports and social clubs such as uniforms, equipment, membership fees.

Additional Language training not provided by Rotary.

Clothing and accessories.

Gifts, souvenirs, personal use items.

Out of pocket snacks, treats, during social outings. Additional food and snacks not provided by host families.

Possibly phone, transit, additional school fees, Please see next questions on allowances.

Non-Mandatory (organized) trips.

Will my son/daughter get an allowance abroad?

Expect \$100 USD equivalent however some clubs will also cover extracurricular activities, transit passes, phone plans – please check with host club Youth Exchange Officer to determine.

What meals will be covered?

Host families will provide all meals and are expected to provide lunch every day for school.

Will the host family supply personal items such as shampoo, soap, etc.?

Most likely but please check with the host club Youth Exchange Officer to determine.

Is there an extra fee for extracurricular sports or clubs?

Most likely, depending on activity. Check with club Youth Exchange Officer/Host Parents to determine.

What is the cost of Emergency Health Insurance

This is dependent on the Insurer; however, we recommend you budget CDN \$1,000.

Are trips and tours available and what is the cost?

There is usually a non-mandatory trip such as the Euro Tour, that is available at the end of exchange year. You will be sent more information on costs and details with your 'welcome' package. Please note most of the trips are non-refundable and Rotary is not responsible should they be cancelled for any reason.

Rotary Rules around finances while on exchange:

Students may not borrow funds for any reason.

Students may not work or be gainfully employed while on exchange.

Is there a bursary available for families that are in financial need?

Yes, there is the Sandover-Sly Bursary available to families that may require some additional financial support, applications may be obtained at the District Interviews or Youth Exchange Program Chair.

Words of advice:

Please be advised that there is foreign exchange on purchases overseas. That 20 Euro t-shirt that your child has an eye on is actually CDN\$38.00! (at time of writing)

Many teens have not budgeted or have been curtailed from spending before. We strongly recommend that you discuss finances on an ongoing basis with your son or daughter, including what you are prepared to supplement (if at all).

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