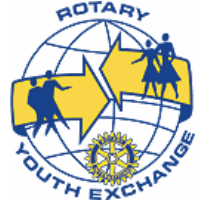




Student Name:

Rotary District Number:



Central States Rotary Outbound Exchange Program, LLC.

COUNTRY SELECTION GUIDELINES

With individual country notes

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COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Use this worksheet to assist you in prioritizing your country preferences. It is *very important* that you *read* the individual country notes *carefully*. Some countries have restrictions that will make you **NOT ELIGIBLE** to go to that country. For example, some countries will have a minimum language requirement (Such as requiring you to have **ONE year of French** to go to **Belgium**), a **MINIMUM AGE** requirement (such as **Belgium** doesn't want any student **younger than sixteen and half (16.5) years old** as of August 15 of your departure year), or a **MAXIMUM AGE** requirement (Such as **Belgium** that doesn't want any student **older than eighteen and half (18.5) years old** as of August 15 of your departure year).

As indicated at the top of your application's **Country Preference Checklist**, different countries have one or more restrictions related to:

- Minimum or Maximum Age Restrictions
- Language proficiency or study restrictions
- Dietary Restrictions
- Medical issue restriction.

As you can tell from the **Checklist**, almost every country has at least one of these restrictions. As a result, it is **VITAL** that you review these guidelines carefully prior to making your country selections.

If you rank a country or countries that you cannot go to because of the restrictions that country has, you are wasting your selection. This could result in your being assigned to a country which you have given a lower priority.

In the grey box positioned before each country name, type in a number that coincides with the priority you give that country. A number 1 means it is your top choice, a number 2 means it is your second choice, etc. The higher the number, the lower the priority you give that country selection. Please be sure to place a **NUMBER** or **N/A** (For a country you are not eligible for) in front of **all forty four (44)** countries.

You **will not be assigned a Country** if you don't fill the Country Preference Checklist out completely. The processing and assignment of your application will be held up until you provide a completed [Country Preference Checklist](#).

You will see that all the countries listed below are in a certain color such as Argentina is colored **Brown**. These colors will coincide with the specific correspondent handling that country such as **Argentina** is handled by the “**Latin American Two Correspondent**”. Hopefully this will make it easier for you to find each country on the actual “Country Preference Checklist”.

When you have completed this worksheet put your final selections on the Country Preference Checklist which is [Section F, Page 1](#) of the [Outbound Student Long - Term Program Application](#).

We have tried to outline the additional requirements that each country requires of you so you will be able to make a more informed choice. However, country requirements change all the time and this should only be construed as our best effort to inform you of any requirements that we are aware of as of August 1, 2011. Everyone at Central States Rotary Outbound Youth Exchange Program, LLC wants to welcome you as part of our family as you begin the process of a life changing experience.

***NOTE: THE ONLY COUNTRIES AVAILABLE FOR WINTER (JANUARY) 2012 OUTBOUND STUDENTS WILL BE AS FOLLOW:
[Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, and Paraguay](#)***

Argentina

- You must not be older than 18 years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure, and a signed letter of intent to study the language prior to departure must be included by the student with submission of the application.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Students are required to purchase insurance in Argentina with a cost of between \$450 and \$600 per year.
- The student must include a complete photocopy of his/her passport (including all empty pages) with the application.

Australia

- Student must be 17 or younger on or before July 20 of your departure year.
- \$500 emergency fund required.
- Students are required to purchase medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$360 AUD.
- Some Districts require you to purchase General Liability Insurance at an approximate cost of \$550 AUD.

Austria

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students must have **ONE YEAR OF GERMAN** or the ability to learn German before departure.
- Compulsory Language Camp is required. Cost is 450 Euro to be paid at the beginning of camp.
- Visa is obtained in Austria after arrival. Visa fee is 100 Euro.
- Will accept CSRYE Insurance
- Required Vaccination for “Meningo Encephalitis”, cost is 30 Euro/ Vaccination will be obtained in Austria after arrival.
- Arrival time in Austria is around August 5th
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*

Belgium

- Students must be between 16 ½ and 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students must have **ONE YEAR OF FRENCH** and submit a letter of intent to study French prior to departure. Occasionally placement is made in a Dutch speaking area which will also require a letter of intent to study the language.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Emergency fund of 400 Euro is required.
- Some districts require purchase of insurance at an approximate cost of 350 Euros.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.

Bolivia

- You must not be older than 18 years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure, and a signed letter of intent to study the language prior to departure must be included by the student with submission of the application.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.
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Brazil

- You must not be older than 18 years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are expected to learn basic Portuguese skills prior to departure, and a signed letter of intent to study Brazilian Portuguese prior to departure must be included by the student with submission of the application.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is accepted in most Brazilian Rotary Districts. However, there are several that require the student to purchase CISi- Bolduc insurance prior to departure.

Chile

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year and cannot have graduated from high school.
- Students are required to purchase of medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$500.

Croatia

- You must be under the age of 18 on August 15 of your departure year.
- Required to purchase insurance in Croatia which costs approximately \$ 65.00 per month.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition, including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*

Czech Republic & Slovak Republic (You could be assigned to either country)

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year –
Czech Republic and Slovak Republic
- Language Camp is required at no cost – **Czech Republic**
- Must obtain visa prior to arrival – **Czech Republic**
- Language Camp is optional but Highly Recommended – **Slovak Republic** -
- Emergency fund of 350 Euro required upon arrival – **Slovak Republic** -
- Will obtain Temporary Residence Permit after arrival in Country at approximately \$ 3500 SKK. (Students must take items per instructions received from Rotary with them) – **Slovak Republic**
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*

Denmark

- Students must be 16 and not older than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Prefer that students have not graduated from high school.
- Mandatory Language Camp – at no cost
- Central States Insurance is acceptable
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.

Ecuador

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions

Estonia

- Prefer Students to be 17 years old or younger but will accept students up to the age of 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions.

Faroe Islands

- Students must be 16 and not older than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions.

Finland

- Prefer Students to be 17 years old or younger but will accept students up to the age of 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language Camp required – cost of approximately \$380 Euros
- Central States Insurance is acceptable

France

- Students must be between 16 and 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Emergency fund of 400 – 500 Euros required upon arrival.
- Students must purchase insurance at an approximate cost of 360 Euros.
- Students must have **TWO YEARS OF FRENCH** and submit a letter of intent to study the language prior to departure.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition, including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Students are expected to stay in France until at least June 30.

Germany

- Students cannot have graduated from high school and cannot be older than 18 ½ years old as of August 15 of their departure year.
- Students are expected to learn basic German skills prior to departure, and a signed letter of intent to study the language prior to departure must be included by the student with submission of the application.
- Most districts in Germany will organize a language camp at a cost of approximately \$250
- Students are required to purchase German insurance at a cost of approximately 360 Euros.
- Students are expected to stay eleven (11) months and not leave before the end of the German school year, which may be as late as mid-July.

Greenland

- Students must be 16 and up to 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions.

Hungary

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Must obtain Visa (D-9) prior to arrival.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Students are expected to learn some Hungarian Language prior to arrival (Simple Phrases)

Iceland

- Students must be 16 and up to 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions.

India

- Students accepted up to 19 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year
- No other restrictions

Indonesia

- Students accepted up to 19 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year
- No other restrictions

Italy

- Students must be between 16 and 17 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Basic knowledge of Italian is expected prior to departure.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed.
- Emergency fund of 400 - 500 Euros required upon arrival.
- Student must purchase country's insurance at an approximate cost of 300 Euros.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- The exchange terminates at the end of the school year, usually early in June.

Japan

- Prefer younger students ages 16 and 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Japanese – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying as soon as assigned.

Kyrgyzstan – not available for exchange in August, 2012, at this time.

- Students must be between 16.5 and 18.5 years of age as of Aug 15 of the departure year. High school runs through grade 11 an older student would therefore be placed in one of the local universities in an intensive Russian language program and would probably take Turkish or Kyrgyz also. *A student considered **mature and ready for an adventure in an altogether different culture would be best.***
- Language requirement = A little Russian would be helpful, at least enough to be polite. They would try to find host families with some English language capability. There needs to be a letter of intent to study Russian provided.
- Dietary recommendations = local people are big meat eaters with lamb a major part of the diet. A Vegan or vegetarian would have a problem.
- Smoking is strongly discouraged - most high school and college aged kids do not smoke. If the student indicates they do not smoke on the application that is what will be expected.
- Emergency fund of \$500 should be okay.
- The club will purchase the insurance (\$650) from a local company because we provide insurance for their students coming to Central States at no charge to the student. This is necessary because western insurance does not work with the local medical establishments due to difficulty in filing claims.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition, including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.* The note from our contact - "A student with conditions or history as described would have a problem in Bishkek. The number of counselors or doctors with English is very few here, so any recurrence would be difficult to treat. While the host families are generally very Europeanized, cultural and language barriers remain.
- Allergies that can be treated with medication should not be a problem. The student would need to bring a supply of medication with him/her.
- Allowance is \$25 monthly which is 4 times more that the university stipend for other students.
- Student will be hosted in Bishkek as that is where the best schools are located. Usually there are one or two host families and oftentimes the family has had one of their kids on exchange to USA or Canada. The hosts are not usually Rotarians but are always interviewed and visited in their homes. There are no organized trips around the country but families sometimes do organize trips to the countryside during the year.
- Allergies will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The exchange terminates at the end of the school year, usually early in June.

Latvia

- Students accepted up to 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions.

Lithuania

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Student will obtain residence permit after arrival with the assistance of Rotary in Lithuania.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*

Malaysia

- Students accepted up to 19 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year
- No other restrictions

Mexico

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are required to purchase of medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$500.

Netherlands – this is one of the more expensive countries in which to live

- **Language:** Students will attend a 7-day Dutch Orientation Course (“D.O.C.”, a language and culture camp) the 3rd week of August, at a cost of 215 euros.
- **Insurance:** Students are required to purchase local insurance coverage at a cost of 430 euros for the year.
- **Visa:** Students enter the Netherlands on a tourist visa, then go to the immigration office to obtain a residence permit, which costs 433 euros. You will need to bring a notarized birth certificate and 2 color passport photos.
- **Arrival:** Students are expected to arrive mid-August, a few days before the orientation course begins.
- **Emergency Fund:** 300 euros, which will be held by the RYE counselor as a contingency fund. Should this money be used during the exchange, it must be replaced; if not used, it will be returned to the student at the end of their exchange

Norway

- Prefer Students to be 17 years old but will accept students up to 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Mandatory Language Camp at approximate cost of 5000 Norwegian crowns - hosts will pay one half of cost – student pays other half.
- Central States Insurance acceptable

Paraguay

- You must not be older than 18 years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are expected to learn basic Spanish skills prior to departure, and a signed letter of intent to study the language prior to departure must be included by the student with submission of the application.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.

Peru

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.

Philippines

- Students accepted up to 19 years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- No other restrictions

Poland

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- No restrictions

Russia

- Students must not be older than 17 ½ years old on or before August 15 of your departure year
- Letter of invitation by Russian Government required to obtain visa (This is obtained by Rotary in Russia prior to your arrival)
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Russian Schools do not start until Mid-September

South Africa

- Student cannot be older than 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Students are required to purchase South African insurance at a cost of approximately \$ 250.00 which must be paid prior to their arrival.
- Departure date is right after CSRYE “Grand Rapids Summer Conference”
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition, including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression, or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Rotary Tours of Country available at additional cost.

South Korea

- Prefer younger students ages 16 and 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Korean – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying as soon as assigned.

Spain

- You must not have graduated from high school and not be older than 18 ½ on August 15 of your departure year
- Students are required to purchase local insurance at a cost of approximately 500 Euros.
- School usually starts mid September

Sweden

- Students must be younger than 18 ½ years old as of August 15 of their departure year
- Required language camp at beginning of exchange approximately 1500 SEK
- Central States Insurance is acceptable.
- Vegan or vegetarian diets are NOT allowed

Switzerland – this is one of the more expensive countries in which to live

- You **MUST** be born between **AUGUST 1, 1992 AND FEBRUARY 1, 1995**
- You must not have graduated from high school at time of departure.
- All students will attend school in a German speaking area of Switzerland
- Preference will be given to applicants who have had **A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN** or equivalent experience. Students without prior German language training will be considered only if they submit a letter agreeing to begin German instruction as soon as they receive their assignment. This letter must be submitted along with the application.
- A mandatory 4-week language course is required for all students at an approximate cost of 900 Swiss francs. Students who are fluent in German can be exempted from this course following an interview with a member of the Swiss RYE office at least one month prior to departure.
- Students are required to purchase insurance at a cost of 600 – 670 Euros and must be paid prior to their arrival.
- Students are expected to arrive in early August for a mandatory orientation meeting which is held in mid-August. Students are also required to stay until the end of the school year which is usually around July 10.

Taiwan

- Prefer younger students ages 16 or 17 as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Language is Mandarin Chinese – it is a very difficult language and students should begin studying it as soon as assigned.
- Students are required to purchase medical insurance at an approximate cost of \$600.

Thailand

- Generally must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year
- Some districts may require insurance at a cost of approximately \$480.
- No other restrictions

Turkey

- You must be between 16 and 18 ½ years as of August 15 of your departure year.
- Emergency fund of \$500 required upon arrival.
- Turkish is a difficult language – study prior to departure is greatly recommended with student having some ability to communicate essential thoughts prior to arrival.
- Students will be expected to be very flexible with diet.
- *If a candidate has a prior history of any mental or medical condition, including attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, depression or anxiety, there must be documentation provided from the treating physician that the student has been off all counseling and/or medication for one year and is now declared mentally and physically well.*
- Smoking is strongly discouraged. If the student indicates they do not smoke that is what will be expected.
- Students may be required to purchase a school uniform at a cost of approximately \$100.
- Students **MAY** be required to purchase additional insurance prior to, or upon arrival in the country – cost unknown at this date.

Venezuela – Not Available for exchange at this time

- Must be younger than 18 ½ years of age as of August 15 of your departure year. Purchase of medical insurance required at an approximate cost of \$500.