



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4945 ARGENTINA-URUGUAY

Youth Exchange Program REQUIREMENTS D4945 2018-2019

1. Age of Students: Students must **be at least 15.5 years old**, but **not yet 18** on their arrival day in Argentina due to the education annual schedule. Students will commence their exchange in late August [When coming from the northern hemisphere] or in late February [When coming from the southern hemisphere].

2. Language Knowledge: Students must have some elementary knowledge of Spanish (minimum of 40 hours recommended).

3. School Status: All students will be enrolled in a Secondary School which they must attend full time.

4. Smoking: Smoking is **not permitted in public or commercial buildings** and most **homes** are now «**non-smoking**». Under the circumstances, **smoking is discouraged**; inbound students must declare sincerely in the AF if they are smokers. Yet, they will only be allowed to smoke in their host houses **if and only if** their host families let them do so and only in the house areas they are allowed to smoke. As regards **Rotary activities** such as meetings, camps, trips, among others, students are **not allowed** to smoke.

5. Exchange Duration / Airline Ticket: Duration of about 46-48 weeks is recommended. All Inbound students to District 4945 **must** arrive with an open return airline ticket: the return date will be defined in accordance with the host district **FOUR** months after arrival date.

6. Host Club Responsibilities:

(a): Place students with a minimum of 3 host families.

(b): Appoint a Rotary Club Counselor for each student.

(c): Appoint a non-Rotarian Counselor for each student.

(d): Control School Attendance.

(e): Provide each student with a monthly allowance equal to approximately **USD 50.00**.

7. Health & Accident Insurance and Public Liability Insurance: Inbound students should bring their own Health and Accident Insurance.

8. Guarantee Fund: Inbound students are required to pay a « Guarantee Fund » of **USD 500 (cash)** which will be given to the Host Club Treasurer during his/her first week of stay in Argentina in order to cover unforeseen expenses and those not covered by their Health Insurance. This amount will be returned to the inbound student before leaving Argentina.

9. Welcoming / Orientation Camp: The incoming student must arrive at our district between August 15th and 22nd, 2018. The **Welcoming Camp** will be held on the second fortnight of September, 2018, and is compulsory. Each student's cost of the Welcoming Camp is of **U\$S120** and it includes their stay, meals and a sweatshirt with our identifying exchange program logo. Moreover, the Committee, taking into account the availability of district locations and dates, will arrange a **Farewell Camp** in June for all students accommodated in the district, at no cost to the foreign student.

10. Travels organized by Rotary are never mandatory. There are 3 optional trips: one to the North and another one to the South of Argentina, of about 15/17 days each, organized in May and November respectively by rotaryclub@rollingtravel.com. And another 25-day-trip to Brazil, organized in January by *Terra Brasil* reservas@terrabrasil.com

The **TRAVEL PERMISSION** signed by students' biological parents should specifically include all Argentina and Uruguay bordering countries such as: **BRAZIL, CHILE, PARAGUAY, and BOLIVIA**. This must be done so because in all domestic travels recommended by Rotary these borders are passed through. The TRAVEL PERMISSION **must** be made by a notary and legalized by the APOSTILLE from LA HAYA. **Furthermore, the travel permit MUST BE ORIGINAL. Neither copies nor photocopies will be accepted.**

Last, but not least, **foreign students are encouraged to get the yellow fever vaccine before starting their exchange** in our district, recommended for trips to Brazil and Northwest of Argentina.

11. Visit to inbound students: Visits by student's parents / guardians, siblings and / or friends are discouraged during the first half of the exchange year. Such visits may only take place during school breaks.

12. Dealing with Problems: In case of breaking any of the 6D Rules or of any serious disciplinary issue concerning an exchange student (such as the 2 added rules to the D4945 Regulations doc), both parties agree to immediately contact the student's sponsor District to discuss the problem before terminating the student's exchange. Our district makes **two written warnings** with a copy to the chairman, the counselor, the student and his/her families in both countries. **On the second breaking of any rule, the student gets the anticipated return.**

13. Application Form:

Only electronic legible applications (smaller than 10MB) will be accepted.

14. Schedule Inbound / Outbound: Complete applications are required not later than MARCH 1st for students to be accepted by some schools in District 4945. Our district 4945 will send our students' AFs (for students leaving in January) to your district by email no later than July 15th. You will have no more than 3 months to send us the GF (second sheet) and the insurance and visa instructions, being October 15th its deadline for forwarding them all. If these papers have not arrived by that date, **the exchange agreement signed between the two districts** is terminated and foreign students hosted by our district will not participate in scheduled trips by Rotary in either November or April.

15. Migration rules: First of all, we would like to let you know that we already got the Legal Status required by RI for the YEP, so students who enter our district after August 2014 will have to do so with a Student Visa. In order to cover the visas cost, we request students to bring **USD 180 cash**. This amount will have to be given to the student's counselor within the first month of arrival at our district.

There are **three documents** students must send us 4 months before arriving:

- a) Photocopy of all the pages of their passports.
- b) The Consulate address where they will ask for their visa.
- c) A copy of the acquired Insurance (receipt of payment).

16. About District 4945:

Our District, made up by 95 Rotary clubs and 1,580 members, is divided into two geographical regions: Santa Fe and Entre Ríos provinces (Argentina), and the northwest part of Uruguay (Artigas, Salto, Paysandú, and Río Negro), bordering Entre Ríos province. Both regions are really beautiful with rivers, beaches, and a great deal of vast vegetation. They also have plains of uneven landscapes, and very old cities. Most of the Rotary Clubs are placed in small towns of about 5,000 to 40,000 inhabitants and the distance among them is about 100 to 200 kilometers most of the time. There are also clubs in cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants.

I've read the present regulations and signed accordingly.

Chairman's signature: