

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 4945 ARGENTINA-URUGUAY
YOUTH SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

REGULATIONS 2018-2019

A) EXCHANGE TIME AND TERM

Students from the Northern Hemisphere come to our district between the end of June and the beginning of September, and Argentinian/Uruguayan ones travel abroad between the end of November and the beginning of March. Exchanges with countries in the Southern Hemisphere may be organized between the end of November and the beginning of March.

We strongly recommend at least six weeks in each district, up to three months.

B) MEDICAL INSURANCE

Students entering District 4945 must bring their own valid Medical and Life Insurance and email a scanned copy of their policy to their Argentinian/Uruguayan counselor before their arrival. It must cover the round trip and the entire stay.

Argentinian/Uruguayan students will take the valid Medical and Life Insurance suggested by their host district. It must cover the round trip and the entire stay, as well.

C) SPANISH AND ROTARY KNOWLEDGE. PRESENTATION

English is not very widespread in our communities. For a better experience, we suggest that every student who enters our district for the exchange program has at least 40 hours of Spanish learning, specially the Latin American Spanish instead of the European from Spain. If he/she decides to study Spanish in our district, that is at the student's cost.

In addition, we expect that foreign students in our district will be proficient goodwill ambassadors not only of their country, state/province and town, but also of their sponsor club and district. Therefore, applicants must be in contact with the local Rotarians before traveling and be able to talk about their activities and projects. We will ask them to include this data, i.e., personal information (name, age, birthday), family and friends, country, state/province and town, name/number and activities of their sponsor club and district, in a brief personal presentation, preferably in Spanish or in English, on PowerPoint or Prezi, so that they can share it with the host club and any other possible audience.

D) SCHEDULED AND RECOMMENDED TRAVELS BY ROTARY

Exchange students can usually travel to Iguazú Falls by August. This is an optional group trip organized by the RYE Committee as long as the minimum number of travelers is reached. Local counselors will opportunely inform of costs and dates.

E) TRAVEL PERMISSION

Students must be authorized to travel alone to **ARGENTINA and URUGUAY** by their biological parents or their guardian. They must do it at a notary public's with the Apostille of the Hague. The TRAVEL PERMISSION signed by students' biological parents or guardian should specifically include all Argentina and Uruguay bordering countries, such as **BRAZIL, CHILE, PARAGUAY, and BOLIVIA**. It must be prepared in that manner because, in the trips with the host family or in the one recommended by Rotary, these borders could be passed through. This authorization may be required by different public servants and employees of passenger transport companies. Students must email a scanned copy of it to their Argentinian/Uruguayan counselor before their arrival.

F) RELATIVES OR FRIENDS' VISITS

Relatives or friends' visits are prohibited during the first two thirds of their exchange.

G) PARCEL SHIPPING

In case any member of the student's biological family may want to send him/her a present, box, parcel or shipment of any kind, which could be expensive and slow, the RYE Committee should be consulted on its convenience beforehand.

H) FORMS SUBMITTING DEADLINES

District 4945 will send most of our students' AFs to your district by e-mail no later than April 15th. Foreign students' GFs will be forwarded to their sponsor district before May 31st, whereas Argentinian/Uruguayan students' GFs should be received before October 31st.

I) WELCOMING AND INTEGRATION CAMP

The welcoming and integration camp for long-term exchange students will be held near the second fortnight of September, 2018. All the short-term exchange students who are in our district at that time must attend this camp; they don't need to pay for it.

J) SIX D'S RULES

- 1) Do not **d**rive any cars, motorcycles, boats and almost any type of motorized vehicle, or be driven.
- 2) Do not **d**rink alcohol (do not get drunk).
- 3) Do not get any **d**rugs (all unprescribed drugs are forbidden).
- 4) Do not **d**ate scandalously (which means not getting into a serious relationship, going steady, or having sex).
- 5) Do not **d**ecorate your body with any tattoo or piercing.
- 6) Do not **d**ownload illegal content or porn from the Internet or any graphic media.

K) WARNINGS

Our district makes two written warnings with a copy to the chairman, the counselor, the student and his/her families in both countries. With a third warning, the student gets the anticipated return.

L) COEXISTENCE RULES

L.1) A STUDENT MUST NEVER PAY FOR:

- 1) Food in the house: They have the right to eat all which the host family's children eat, without exceptions, even desserts.
- 2) Commuting to school in case they have to catch a public means of transport.
- 3) Lunch at school if that is required by school timetables, for instance, when they study double shifts, i.e. mornings and afternoons.
- 4) Travel with the family: Family must offer her/him the four meals and somewhere to stay and sleep.
- 5) Stay during the District Conference.
- 6) Enrollment to the school he/she will attend classes to.
- 7) Enrollment fee to the school he/she will attend classes to.
- 8) Necessary school utensils.
- 9) Uniform if school requires so. In general, the student can borrow it.

L.2) THE STUDENT MUST (GENERALLY) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 1) Personal expenses such as shopping for clothes, sweets, public Internet, going out with friends, visiting friends, group travels around the country, means of transport to the District Conference, personal hygiene items, gifts, etc.
- 2) Having his/her room tidy.

- 3) Helping with the household chores as if he/she was another child.
- 4) Private or group extra-curricular classes such as dancing, tennis, photography, swimming, painting, music, etc.
- 5) Spanish course: Both classes and learning material.
- 6) Attending school every day is not compulsory but recommended. If he/she travels, he/she must previously inform the school authorities about his/her absence.
- 7) Asking the counselor for the club permission if the student wants to visit friends in another city within the district. Logically, he/she will need his/her host parents' permission. The counselor will evaluate if the student is given the permission or not.
- 8) If the student decides to travel outside the district, he/she must ask for the chairman's permission apart from the former ones. In that case, the chairman will evaluate if the student is given the permission or not.

L.3) HOST FAMILIES MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 1) The student's food, both at home and at school. It is said that the refrigerator should be always open, just like with the host family's own children.
- 2) If the student takes friends to the host house, he/she must ask for permission first, and then, ask if his/her friend can stay to eat. It is up to the family to accept that or not.
- 3) The school fee if they have to pay for it. In Argentina, many schools do not charge the monthly fee to the foreign student.
- 4) The student's school enrollment and cost.
- 5) The student's commuting to school. If he/she must take the bus, the family must be in charge of it.
- 6) The room the student is given must be just like the others in the house and be inside it. The student needs to have some private space no matter how small it is, it could be a desk or a closet.
- 7) Giving the student access to Internet since his/her communication with the club and District are essentially via e-mail. If he/she brings a computer, he/she will be able to connect to Internet. If he/she does not have one of his/her own, he/she will be able to use the one installed in the house at least once a week.
- 8) Enrolling him/her to some club if the student wants to, paying the membership fee but nothing else.
- 9) Getting or buying him/her the reglamentary uniform if the school requires so.

L.4) HOST FAMILIES WILL NOT HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 1) The medicine the student occasionally needs during a temporary illness. The Medical Insurance the student brings with him/her must cover minor expenses as well as higher expenses such as being hospitalized, operations, etc. Sometimes, the family must pay for the medicine initially but then, by submitting the corresponding bills the insurance will have to refund them the money spent.
- 2) The expenses the student has when he/she goes out in the evenings. He/she will have to afford those.
- 3) The expenses the student has on the weekends when he/she goes out with friends.
- 4) Whatever is broken in the house due to the student's negligence or some student he/she invited.

Student's name:

We have read the present regulations and signed accordingly.

Student's signature:

Parents or guardian's signature:

Rotarian counselor/YEO's signature:

After signing, please email a scanned copy of each page of this document to your Argentinian/Uruguayan counselor. Include a copy of your passport and, as mentioned above, of your insurance policy and of your travel authorization.