

Rotary Youth Exchange District 5020 Interview Questions

December 2014

Student's Name _____ Club _____

Interviewer's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Total Interview Score _____/60

Application: Please evaluate the quality of the application? Consider the neatness, response to questions and overall presentation. Did this student clearly put time and effort into this application?

First Impression: Is the student appropriately dressed for the occasion? Do they demonstrate good social skills? Are they managing the stress of the interview well?

_____ 1. If your life turned out the way you would like to be 10 years from now, what do you see yourself doing?

_____ 2. What do you think your responsibilities are as an exchange student in a foreign school? What can you do to prepare for your year as an exchange?

_____ 3. Describe a time when you had a big problem in your life, you came up against an enormous challenge or had to work through a stressful situation that tested your coping skills. How did you manage the stress the situation created?

_____ 4. Have you been in a situation where the rules or the guidelines were unclear? How did you feel about that? How did you manage in that situation?

_____ 5. Eating Habits:

A. Are you a picky eater, a slightly picky eater, somewhat adventuresome eater, or a very adventuresome eater?

B. How would your parents describe you regarding trying new foods?

C. Are you a vegetarian or a vegan? (If student answers yes go on to question d)

D. Are these strictly held beliefs and values or do you think you might be able to make some compromises about food while on your exchange?

- _____ 6. Tell us about some situations in which you have had to adjust quickly to changes that you had no control over. What was the impact of those sudden changes on you?
- _____ 7. Imagine yourself being with a host family that is very warm and caring but your host family has very different beliefs and values than the ones you were raised with. How would you manage in this situation?
- _____ 8. It is very normal for teenagers to have disagreements with their parents. It is an important part of the process of learning how to become your own person. Reflecting on your relationship with your parents, describe two of the most recent disagreements. How have or are you resolving those disagreements?
- _____ 9. The eradication of polio is a major emphasis of Rotary International. There are only 3 countries left where the disease has not been eradicated. Already there is discussion about our next international focus – clean water or literacy. What should be considered in choosing one over the other and why?
- _____ 10. If you were interviewing applicants to be exchange students, what qualities would you be looking for in a student who would be likely to have a successful year abroad?
- _____ 11. Throughout lives we will meet people that are sometimes more challenging for us to get along with or appreciate. Tell us about a time when you have encountered someone that you didn't necessarily hit is off with. What did you do to try and develop a stronger relationship?
- _____ 12. Tell us a little about why you chose the countries that you would like to go to?

Questions for Parents

1. Has your child ever been away from home for more than two weeks? How did it go? How frequently were you in contact with each other?
2. What part of the exchange experience do you imagine will be the most stressful for your child? What will be the most stressful for you?
3. Imagine getting a letter from your child's host family a month after they arrived. Which of your child's positive qualities do you think they might comment on? If they were to describe "opportunities for growth" for your child, what might those be?
4. How would you feel if your child were with a very warm and caring family that had very different beliefs and values from yours?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being a very picky eater and 10 being a very adventuresome eater, where would you put your child?
6. How does your child manage stress? What cues does your child give you when they are feeling stressed? What do you usually do when you know that your child is stressed out?
7. Reflecting on your relationship with your child, what issues are two most recent disagreements that you have had and how did they get resolved?
8. The expenses of the year-long program are in a range of approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 dollars. Is this something that your family could manage?
9. There is a mandatory two day Orientation in Victoria, the first full weekend in March. At least one parent and the student must attend. Are you able to meet this commitment?
10. Has your child ever needed special accommodations to be successful in school? If yes, please explain.
11. What questions do you have of us?