

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL D.2430 YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

D. 2430 STEP TERMS AND CONDITIONS)

1- BACKGROUND

Short-Term Exchange Program Exchange (STEP) is one of the Youth Exchange Organizations organized by Rotary International to contribute World Peace and Understanding through Cultural Exchange

2- PROGRAM TYPES AND DETAILS

STEP Program has two types Camps and Family to Family (FTF). Since the countries other than Turkey has one way certification, FTF is not applicable. Therefore in this T&C only CAMPS are involved.

a) CAMPS :

- It is a group program.
- Age range is between **15-24**. But generally 16-21 ages are preferred. Occasionally under 16 and above 21 can be accepted.
- It is not a mutual program. In other words, there is no obligation to host a student in return.
- Accommodation can be made in houses, hotels, university dormitories, camping areas (tents), boats etc.
- They are averagely 2 weeks programs and they usually have a “theme”
- Age and gender restrictions is determined by the organizers.
- Some camps may have extra fees charged by the organizers for participation. The amountsof fees vary, but they range from € 50 to € 1,250. The average is € 200.
- Quotas are mainly in European countries. Overseas camp invitations received rarely .
- The themes of the camps, their organization dates, the announcement dates and the age restrictions are very diverse.
- Since some camps are made with special theme, the camp organizers require participants to adapt to the camp's program. (For example, in bicycle camps cycling up to 40 km per daymay required, or in mountain climbing camps, walking and climbing paths, or pre-recordingfor admission to music camp, etc.)

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- Participants pay their own round trip travel expenses on their own.
- Participants should have health and accident insurance covering the duration of the camp.

b) FAMILY TO FAMILY: (Not Applicable)

3- WHO CAN APPLY

Any student, within the program age range, with strong educational background and without any criminal incidents can apply the program.

Being from a Rotarian family is not needed and does not provide any priority

4- AGE RANGE

In general the age range is 16-21 at the time of Exchange. (Not at the time of application but at the date of exchange) If any invitation other than 16-21 is received the committee chair announces it from web site.

5- FINANCIAL ISSUES

a) Application Fee

It is 100USD. Applicants name should be written on the bank receipt.

b) Refund Conditions

- If the candidate who applied the program for the first time and cannot be placed in any camp by the committee, his/her application will be transferred to the next year without being refunded in the first year. If he/she cannot be placed in the second year also, 75USD of the participation fee will be refunded in October of that year. 25USD is kept in the committee budget for program costs. If the candidate's age is not eligible to be transferred to the next year, he/she will be refunded 75USD in October of the year in which he/she submitted his/her first application.
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- In case of cancellation of the camps, 75USD of the participation fee will be refunded in October of that year. 25USD remains in the committee budget for program costs
- Candidates who do not participate the program **for any reason** after they are placed are not refunded at all.

6- PLACEMENT CONDITIONS

- The YEP committee is only authorization for the camp placements
- The placement is made within the framework of the information given by the candidates in STEP Commitment. The candidates should respond carefully to questions in this form (especially fees and unwanted country /ies section). In case of missing information in the Commitment form, the YEP committee does not accept any responsibility for the placement.
- Candidates are ranked according to the application dates * and are placed in this order as the camp announcements arrive.
* The date of application is considered as the day which all correctly & fully completed documents are delivered.
- **Hand-filled forms are not accepted. If the forms are not filled in as requested and if there are missing documents, the application will not be taken into consideration.**
- Applicants who have not been placed in the previous year are placed at the top of the list.
- In previous years, candidates who participated the program in previous years are placed at the end of the list if they apply again. They are placed after all the first time applicants according to the left quotas.
- The committee has no commitment to place **all** the students.
- The candidate and the club youth exchange officer are expected to check if the forms are filled as required

7- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- Candidates are expected to learn the basic information about Rotary prior from their departure.
- Participants are expected to be an ambassador of their country during the program. For this reason, they are expected to behave in accordance with the rules in good manners and leave a good impression.
- The purpose of the trip is not to learn a new language and / or just have fun. The outbound student should focus on learning the life conditions, thoughts and cultures of the country they visit.
- The host Rotary Clubs and Rotarians organize these programs by spending their time, power and money to promote their country, life and culture. For this reason, participants should adhere to the program they are going to attend and should not perform any extracurricular activities on their own.
- Participants should keep in mind that the positive impressions they leave during the program will pave the way for young people who will become candidates after them.

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**We declare that we have read and accepted the
STEP Terms and Conditions**

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*SIGNATURES SHOULD BE BY BLUE PEN