

Glossary of Common Terms and Abbreviations in Rotary Youth Exchange

(for those new to the program, suggested by parents of Outbound students, 2013-2014, in alphabetical order)

DOS: Department of State, a regulatory body in the US which establishes rules and regulations that are applicable to all student VISAs for secondary and post-secondary students entering the US. As part of the VISA regulations the DOS has created specific requirements for all high school youth exchange programs.

Host Family: the family who provides a home for an Inbound Student for part of the year that the Inbound is in our District. Typically, District 5080 would have 2 or 3 host families for each Inbound Student, and often the families do not include a Rotarian.

Inbound Student: the youth exchange student from another District in the world who is “in” our district

Multi-District: established to administer the youth exchange programs of a group of member Rotary districts in the USA, these organizations’ level of involvement in each District’s program varies among the Multi-Districts. SCRYE is our District’s multi-district as of July 1, 2013.

Outbound Student: the youth exchange student from District 5080 who is going “out” of our district

RI: Rotary International See www.rotary.org for more information

Rotary Club: a local group of Rotarians, members of the local community, who may or may not be a part of the District’s youth exchange program. The local Club and its members are key to managing the entire exchange process, including the inbound and outbound students, host families and other volunteers who make the youth exchange programs possible

Rotary District: a regional group of Rotary clubs, as established by Rotary International

RYE: Rotary Youth Exchange

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary International’s leadership training program for young people who are an age range as specified by each District, but no younger than 14 nor older than 30. See www.rotary.org for more information

SCRYE: South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, District 5080’s multi-district as of July 1, 2013. SCRYE provides information, education, collaboration and the independence for each District to facilitate the Youth Exchange Process. See www.scrye.org for more information

Sponsor Country/Club: the Country or Club sending a student abroad

YE: Youth Exchange

YEC: Youth Exchange Committee, the group of Rotarians and non-Rotarians who are responsible for implementing the district’s youth exchange program

YEO: Youth Exchange Officer, the Rotarian who is a member of the Rotary Club sponsoring the youth exchange student, who has primary responsibility for assisting the student through the application process and throughout the exchange