



Questions and Answers about V-STEP

What is V-STEP?

V-STEP (Virtual Short Term Exchange Program) is an alternative to the Rotary Short Term Exchange Program. It was created as a result of the pandemic halting all travel for the summer of 2020. Instead of traveling to another country, you and your match will experience your country, language and culture through a virtual exchange.

When does V-STEP start?

It begins on May 15th and ends on August 15th.

How does V-STEP work?

You and your match will be provided with MeetUp Guides. They will have ideas for your MeetUp including an Activity like showing off the city where you live or demonstrating a sport or hobby you like. It will also include some basic language learning as well as a Section called “What would you do?” which poses situations exchange students may find themselves in and how you and your match might handle them.

What else can we do?

You can make a brief video (around 2 minutes) at the end of the Meetup that recaps something about your meeting or showcases something you and your match want to share with the group.

How do we share our videos with the Group?

Glad you asked! One cool thing about V-STEP is Group Meetings held every other week through ZOOM. ALL V-Steppers can attend and see the videos the others have made! We will also have some great speakers (usually past exchange students) that can tell you about making the most of your exchange and perhaps give you some life lessons you can use right now.

Sounds like a lot, do we have to do it all?

That’s the best part about V-STEP. There are NO REQUIREMENTS! You can do as little or as much as you and your Match want. We only want you to enjoy the culture of another country even though you can’t travel there this summer.





How do we get the MeetUp Guides?

The first Guide will be linked on the O-E Multi-District Website: <https://www.oerye.org/v-step>
(Available on May 15th when the program starts.)

All future links will be provided by your local Rotary contact. Just email or call him/her and say you have completed the first MeetUp and they will send you next one! Each time you complete a MeetUp, let them know and your local Rotarian will send you the next guide.

How many MeetUps are there?

As many as you like, but we stop at 20. That's about 1 ½ per week if you do them all, but you don't have to. Just do as many as you want.

Do we have to do the MeetUp all at one time?

No, you can take a few minutes and do one part and wait until later to do another part. Scheduling and the amount of time you take on the MeetUp is between you and your Match.

How do we make and get our video to you?

We will provide separate guides to making a good V-STEP video and some samples. Once you complete yours, you will Upload the video to our site and all videos will be displayed on our YouTube Channel after each group meeting.

How much does it cost?

Nothing! We are providing V-STEP for free because we want you to have a successful exchange this summer, even if you can't travel. If you paid money for your actual STEP exchange, please contact your local Rotary Club or District to see if refunds are available.

What do we win if we complete all 20 MeetUps?

We plan to give every participant some type of acknowledgement that you can show you participated in V-STEP. This will be whether you do all the MeetUps or not. But we might have a shout out at the last Group Meeting for any match that does all 20!

All Rotarians in Youth Exchange hope you have a great time this summer doing V-STEP!

