

ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014-2015 FOR STUDY ABROAD

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and peaceful relations among people of different races, nationalities, ethnicities, and religions while pursuing a program of study at an institution of higher education in a foreign country. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homeland to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Scholarship applications in District 6080 are now available for study abroad during the 2014-2015 academic year. Prospective scholars may apply through a local Rotary club near their home, or through a club in the community where they are attending a college or university, or where they are employed.

Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for one academic year of study abroad in a specific academic field. Because this scholarship is limited to one academic year of study, recipients may not be able to complete the requirements for degrees, certificates, or diplomas during the study period. Rotary scholarships cannot be combined with another study-abroad program, or used for unsupervised research, medical internship or residency, or for employment on a full-time basis in the host country.

Two different kinds of Rotary scholarships are available:

- 1) District Scholarship - a scholarship that is funded by District 6080 funds only
- 2) Global Scholarship - a scholarship that is jointly funded by District 6080 funds and funds from the World Fund at the Rotary Foundation

District-supported scholarships are available for study abroad in any academic field, but preference is often given to those whose field of study is related to one of the areas of humanitarian need listed below. Applicants may be an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or may have completed one or more degrees and/or be engaged in the early stages of a career. There is no upper age limit, but applicants must have completed at least one semester of full-time undergraduate study prior to submitting an application. The program provides for a grant in the amount of **\$25,000** to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, educational supplies, and round-trip transportation to/from the study site. Scholars must account for all expenditures and must provide funding to cover all costs that exceed the amount provided by Rotary. All unspent funds must be returned to Rotary.

Global Scholarships are supported jointly by District funds and by a Global Grant from the World Fund at the Rotary Foundation. They are available only to applicants whose field of study and career plans pertain directly to one or more of the following six humanitarian focus areas:

- 1) Peace and conflict prevention and/or resolution
- 2) Disease prevention and treatment
- 3) Water and sanitation

- 4) Maternal and child health
- 5) Basic education and literacy
- 6) Economic and community development

Scholars whose field of study relates directly to one or more of the six focus areas above may qualify for a grant of **\$30,000** to cover the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, educational supplies, and round-trip transportation to/from the study site. Scholars must account for all expenditures and must provide funding to cover all costs that exceed the amount provided by Rotary. All unspent funds must be returned to Rotary.

Applicants seeking a Global Scholarship must complete a two-step process, initially at the District level and then later through the Rotary Foundation. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree program prior to departing for study abroad and plan to pursue graduate study and a career in a clearly defined area of humanitarian need.

Rotary clubs and the District 6080 Scholarship Committee will consider the following in evaluating applicants for a District Scholarship and a Global Scholarship. The applicant will be able to

- Successfully complete a course of study at an institution of higher education in a foreign country and serve effectively as an ambassador of goodwill
- Show a strong record of success in his/her academic field or vocation
- Demonstrate fluency in the language of the country of study.
- Articulate a convincing understanding of Rotary's mission and goals
- Possess well-developed communication skills
- Produce evidence demonstrating a personal commitment to community service
- Articulate well-defined and realistic study and career goals
- Explain in concrete terms how he/she will make advances within his/her chosen career field
- Show promise of maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period

Applicants for both scholarships will complete the same application form, but those who show promise of obtaining a Global Grant will be asked to complete a supplemental application form and provide additional information at a later time. The application form for both kinds of Rotary scholarships may be obtained for the 2014-2015 year of study at <http://www.rotary6080.org>, and then by clicking on Educational Programs, then Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships. Normally no more than one District Scholarship award and one Global Scholarship are made each year.

The deadline for submitting the completed application to a local club in District 6080 may vary, but will usually be **no later than March 15, 2013** for the 2014-2015 academic year. Completed applications should be submitted to the president of a local Rotary club for review and possible approval. Applicants are typically interviewed by a small committee of club members. If the applicant is approved at the club level, then the club president will send the endorsed application to the District Scholarship Chair no later than March 30, 2013. The District Scholarship Committee will review all applications and interview all endorsed applicants at a site to be announced at Osage Beach, MO in April 2013.

Rotarians and kin of Rotarians are not eligible to apply for a Rotary scholarship. However, members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply, provided that they meet all other

eligibility criteria.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

March 15, 2013 - deadline for applicants to submit a completed application form to a local Rotary club for endorsement

March 30, 2013 – deadline for club presidents to mail endorsed applications to the District Scholarship Chair

April 27, 2013 – interviews of endorsed applicants by the District 6080 Scholarship Committee at Osage Beach, MO

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Club-endorsed applications for Rotary Scholarships must be mailed by club presidents no later than March 30, 2013 to:

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