

ROTARY GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD IN 2015-2016

The purpose of the Rotary Scholarship program is to further international understanding and peaceful relations among people of different races, nationalities, ethnicities, and religions while pursuing an approved program of graduate 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.

District 6080 may offer one Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to a highly-qualified student who wishes to study abroad during the 2015-16 academic year. This scholarship is for one year only and is open only to students engaged in full-time study in a graduate degree program. Applicants for a Global Scholarship must enroll in a graduate course of study that is directly related to one or more 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

The winning applicant will receive an award of **\$30,000** to cover the cost of tuition, fees, educational supplies, room and board, 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.

Because this scholarship program 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.

Applicants seeking a Global Scholarship must complete a two-step process: 1) they must submit a completed application and undergo an interview by Rotarians at the club level and at the District level and 2) they must later undergo a second review and be approved by the Education staff at the Rotary Foundation in Evanston, IL. Following the completion of step one in the review process, the applicant must immediately seek admission at the higher education institution of choice. The second step cannot occur until the applicant has received written approval of admission to the projected program of study.

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Those who interview applicants at the club level and the district level will consider the following criteria in evaluating applicants for a Global Scholarship. The applicant will be able to

- 1) show a strong record of success in his/her academic field or vocation
- 2) possess well-developed communication skills
- 3) demonstrate fluency in the language of the country of study
- 4) successfully complete a graduate course of study at an institution of higher education in a foreign country and serve effectively as an ambassador of goodwill
- 5) articulate a convincing understanding of Rotary's mission and goals as they relate to the six focus areas of humanitarian need
- 6) describe clearly and persuasively a proposed course of study (citing specific courses at the foreign institution of choice) as they relate directly to one or more of the Rotary focus areas of humanitarian need
- 7) explain how the proposed course of study relates his/her career goals
- 8) provide evidence demonstrating a personal commitment to career goals relating to the intended field of study
- 9) show promise of maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period.

An application for a Rotary Global Scholarship may be obtained for the 2015-2016 year of study at <http://www.rotary6080.org>, and then by clicking on Educational Programs, then Rotary Scholarships.

The deadline for submitting the completed Global Scholarship application to a local club in District 6080 is November 3, 2014 for the 2015-16 academic year. Completed applications must initially be submitted to the president of a local Rotary club for review and possible approval. A committee of several club members typically interviews the applicant. If the applicant is recommended by that committee, then the club president will endorse the application and send it to the District Scholarship Chair. The District 6080 Scholarship Committee will review all applications and interview all applicants at a site to be announced at/near Osage Beach, MO on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

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. Prospective scholars in District 6080 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. The approved candidate must begin his/her graduate program of study during the 2015-16 academic year. The scholarship recipient must live in the immediate vicinity of the approved study institution in the host district so that he/she can participate in Rotary club and district activities of the host district.

Rotary District 6080 Timeline for 2015-16 Academic Year

Clubs and individual Rotarians recruit applicants	July through November 3, 2014
Deadline for submitting applications to local clubs	November 3, 2014
Clubs interview applicants, makes a recommendation, and then forward endorsed applications to District Scholarship Chair	November 17, 2014
District scholarship committee interviews all applicants and selects an applicant	December 6, 2014
Scholarship candidate seeks admission to their institution of choice	December through February 2015
District submits the candidate's application with the letter of admission at their chosen study institution to the Rotary Foundation for possible approval	March 1, 2015

Note to club presidents: Club-endorsed Global Scholarship applications must be mailed no later than November 17, 2014 to

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