

Rotary District 5710
Rotary Global Grant Scholarship – General
Information September 2014

Qualifications

- The academic program must be located in a foreign country.
- The scholar must have selected the university that s/he wants to attend.
- The scholar’s field of study must be related to one or more of the six Areas of Focus established by Rotary International, listed below.
- The academic program must be no less than one academic year.
- The program must be a full-time graduate level program with the scholar receiving classroom instruction and/or be enrolled in research hours.
- The scholar must begin her/his academic program during the 2015-2016 Rotary year.
- The applicant must complete all required reports during and after his/her scholarship time.
- If the scholar’s tuition and living expenses will not exceed \$30,000, the scholar must outline a service project to be completed in their study country during the period of study. The project must be within one or more of the six Areas of Focus.
- The scholar may NOT be a 1) Rotarian; 2) an employee of a club, district or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; 3) the spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or stepchild legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the foregoing two categories.
- The scholar must reside and/or attend a college or university within Rotary District 5710.
- During the study period, the scholar must live in the immediate vicinity of the approved study institution, and in the host district, so that s/he can participate in the Rotary club and district activities of the host district.

Additional terms and conditions are outlined in District 5710’s Rotary Global Grant Scholarship application.

Areas of Focus

The following are the study areas established by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF). [CLICK HERE](#) for a full description of each of the six. OR, cut and paste the following link into your browser and select “Areas of Focus Policy Statements” under Resources & Reference: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>

1. Peace and conflict prevention/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.

A Focus on Service Learning

If the total cost of a scholar's academic fees and living expenses will not exceed \$30,000, they must complete a service project in their host community. An outline of this project must be presented at the District interview. If accepted, the scholar must take the initiative to make contact in his/her host country and secure funding for the project. The service project MUST fall within the scholar's study area, and thus within the six Areas of Focus.

A good service project should:

- Incorporate local Rotary clubs and Rotarians.
- Serve a specific population within the host community.
- Plan for public relations, press releases, and community announcements within the host community and at home.
- Be documented and photographed.
- Plan for funding options or incorporate fundraising.
- Uncover a need within the host community based on local feedback and appropriate research.
- Be measureable and sustainable.
- Reflect an interest of the scholar while meeting a need within the host community.
- Meet the 4-Way Test of ethical standards.

Sponsoring a Rotary Global Grant Scholar

Process Steps:

1. Applicant completes District 5710's Rotary Global Grant Scholarship application for submission to a Rotary club. If approved by the club,
2. The application and any other required documentation is submitted by the club to the district Scholarship committee no later than January 30, 2015. This is a strict deadline; no exceptions will be made, and incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed by the committee and eligible candidates will be invited to attend the District interviews.
3. Applicant participates in district interviews February 20, 2015 either in Atchison or Topeka; time and location will be announced by February 6, 2015. Two candidates will be selected. If selected by the district,
4. Applicant and sponsoring club complete TRF's online Global Grant Scholarship Application for submission to TRF. If approved,
5. Grant will be funded and applicant becomes a scholar.

Please note that selection by the District does not guarantee funding. Funding is subject to approval by TRF of the candidate's Global Grant Scholarship application.

How to Become a Sponsor Club:

- Discuss the opportunity with your club President and Board.
- Promote the opportunity within your community through a variety of media.
- Begin interviews of applicants.
- Submit applications to the district Scholarship committee no later than January 30, 2015.

- Appoint a club member as a Sponsor Counselor. The club must also appoint two additional members as part of the grant committee for the Global Grant.

Roles and Responsibilities of a Sponsor Club and Counselor:

Before the district interviews:

- Assist the applicant in preparing for the district interviews.
- Assist the applicant in creating a realistic scholarship budget and a personal budget for the length of their study time.
- Assist the applicant in identifying a service project in their host country, if one will be required.
- Provide the applicant with a copy of the *Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants*.

If your club's candidate(s) is(are) selected:

- Work with the candidate(s) to input information on the Global Grant Scholarship application on the RI website. This will require a club member's "My Rotary" user name and password. Assist the candidate with proper Rotary terminology, being sure that the Area of Focus is described fully as to its relevance to their studies, and to the project, if required. "Sustainability" and "Measurability" are key words to remember when describing the scholar's impact, both while in their host country and after they return home.
- Identify and contact an international host club and counselor. Early contact between the host and international sponsor Rotarians can help facilitate the scholar's transition in the host country.
- Identify any relevant application or other deadlines the candidate may have (e.g., university deposits).
- Inform the candidate of any requests for additional information from TRF, so it can be supplied through the online application function or by e-mail.
- Prepare to be asked to clarify information, and make additions, several times. Do not be discouraged.
- Proof of admission or acceptance or invitation to the chosen college or university will need to be provided with the application.
- There is certain banking information that you will need to provide with the application. The club must have a bank account dedicated solely to the handling of this Global Grant Scholarship funding. You will need to provide routing information for this account.
- You will need several authorizations from club and district officers, before the application can be submitted.

After the Global Grant Scholarship Application is approved by TRF:

- TRF will provide funds directly to the sponsor club for scholars.
- Clearly communicate payment and reporting schedules to the scholar. Provide the scholar the approved budget and communicate expectations about eligible expenses (e.g., groceries, yes; liquor, no).
- Once the funds have been transferred from TRF to the club, send funds to the scholar based on the previously established schedule.

- Arrange for the scholar to attend an orientation program in your district.
- Arrange visits to Rotary club meetings, district functions, and other Rotary-related events.

During the study period:

- Maintain regular correspondence with the scholar, in order to share news with fellow Rotarians at sponsor club meetings and to enable the scholar to relate news about the sponsor club to the host club.
- Encourage the scholar to share concerns or problems experienced abroad. A scholar may sometimes feel uncomfortable involving the host counselor in a sensitive issue, and will turn to you as a symbolic contact back home.
- If the scholarship is longer than 12 months, collect interim reports from the scholar for submission to TRF and receipts for expenses of \$50 and more for the retention and reporting requirements for the sponsor club and the district.

After the study period has ended:

- If possible, arrange to meet and welcome the scholar home.
- Help the scholar arrange speaking engagements at clubs in the district. In addition to giving club members the opportunity to learn about the scholar's experiences, such events help publicize the Foundation.
- Ensure that the scholar submits a final report to your club, with applicable receipts.
- Submit a final report to TRF on the website within two months of the scholar's return.
- Encourage the scholar's participation in any Foundation alumni activities available in the district in which s/he resides after the scholarship term.
- Maintain communication with the scholar and keep track of his/her current address.

Timeline for Selecting a 2015-2016 Scholar

October 1, 2014 – The district's Global Grant Scholarship application will be made available to all clubs, as well as to the colleges and universities in our district. Clubs should develop a committee for recruiting, interviewing, and selecting candidates. Clubs will conduct interviews and select one or more candidates to apply.

January 30, 2015 – Clubs must email applications and any other required documents for their candidates to the Scholarship committee for eligibility review no later than this date, send to the following committee members:

Derek Wohlgemuth

dwohlgemuth@myexchangebank.com

Stefanie Leif

Stefanie.Leif@hotmail.com

February 6, 2015 – Clubs will be notified by the committee whether or not their applications/candidates are eligible to participate in the District interviews.

February 20, 2015 – District interviews of applicants will be either in Atchison or Topeka; time and location will be announced. If the candidate is unable to be interviewed in person that day for any reason, s/he will not be eligible to receive a scholarship.

Materials and Links

Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants: [CLICK HERE for Terms and Conditions](#)

OR copy this link into your browser: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants> - Under Resources and Reference, select “Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants”

Sponsor Club Expenses Worksheet

This worksheet is intended to provide your club with an approximate cost for sponsoring a scholar.

Item	Notes	Approximate Cost?
Name tag for scholar.	Once selected, it's a nice welcome gift from your club.	
Welcome lunch at home club.	Cost varies per club and you may invite scholar to many meals.	
Scholar's attendance at District dinner events.	Please visit www.rotary5710.org for events calendar.	
Scholar's attendance at District Assembly and/or District Conference.	Visit www.rotary5710.org for registration rates.	
Send-off luncheon at home club.	Cost varies per club and you may invite scholar to many meals.	
Business cards for scholar.	Very important for the scholar, once they arrive in their country of study.	
Send-off gift or travel basket.	Not required, but a nice idea.	
Rotary "theme" pin.	Usually free from the District Governor.	
Several club and/or district banners for exchange abroad.	Scholar usually brings 10-15 banners from home club and/or district.	