

DISTRICT 6060 ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR 2019-2020

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship 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 either here in the USA, or abroad in a foreign country.

If studying 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.

If studying in the USA, scholars are expected to be ambassadors for Rotary International, and their sponsoring District. They are also expected to participate in Rotary related activities, either in the local Rotaract or Rotary clubs, such as attending an occasional meeting, or participating in club related activities, as their schedule allows.

Scholarship applications in District 6060 are now available for study for the **2019-20 District Ambassadorial Scholar 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 through a club near where they are employed.

District Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for one academic year of study abroad or in the USA 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.

The District Ambassadorial Scholarship is available for study in any academic field, but preference is given to those whose field of study is related to one of Rotary's areas of humanitarian: peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. Applicants may be 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 their Bachelor Degree prior to submitting an application. The program provides for a grant in the amount of up to **\$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.

The deadline for submitting the completed application to a local club in District 6060 may vary, but will be **no later than January 31, 2019** for the 2019-2020 academic year. Completed applications should be submitted to the president of a local Rotary club for review and Club Support 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 **February 28, 2019**. The District Scholarship Committee will review all applications and interview all endorsed applicants at a site to be announced in St Louis, Missouri in **April 2019**.

Rotarians and relatives 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

January 31, 2019 - deadline for applicants to submit a completed application form to a local Rotary club for endorsement.

February 28, 2019 - deadline for club presidents to mail endorsed applications to the District Scholarship Chair. Club-endorsed applications for Rotary Scholarships must be mailed by club presidents so they arrive no later than February 28, 2019 to:

Carol Kuebrich
District 6060 Scholarship Chair
1734 Clarkson Road
Suite 286
Chesterfield, MO 63017

April 2019- interviews of endorsed applicants by the District 6060 Scholarship Committee in St Louis.

Rotary clubs and the District 6060 Scholarship Committee will consider the following in evaluating applicants for a District Scholarship.

The applicant must be able to

- Successfully complete a course of study at an institution of higher education 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, if studying abroad.
- Articulate a convincing understanding of Rotary's mission and goals
- Possess well-developed communication skills

For further information, contact Carol Kuebrich, carolkuebrich@theLTCspecialist.com, 314-956-2757 or Sue Cobb, District Foundation Chair, scobb@mail.win.org, 636-284-4686.