

Rotary Global Grant Scholarship 2023-24

About

The Rotary Global Grant Scholarship supports academic study aligned with one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus (www.rotary.org/en/our-causes).

The scholarship is in the amount of USD\$31,500.00 for graduate level academic study in a foreign country for the academic year 2023-24 and must be used in total by December 31, 2024.

This is not a needs-based scholarship and is based solely on the qualifications of the candidate. Funds may be used for travel, housing, tuition, books, supplies, and/or living expenses.

Candidates may be from anywhere in the world, must study outside of their home country, and must study in a country where a Rotary Club exists.

Final approval of the grant is contingent on Rotary International's approval given after the selection committee and successful candidate submit all required documentation into the portal shortly after the submission deadline of June 30, 2023. This endeavor will be coordinated by selection committee chair Gina Grant.

This scholarship is funded by members of Rotary District 5150 (Rotary Clubs in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties) and The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary District 5150 seeks candidates who:

- Demonstrate excellent leadership skills and potential.
- Possess a proven record of success in their academic field or vocation.
- Have a commitment to community service, striving to make an impact in our world.
- Articulate how their studies and career objectives are aligned with advancing Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.
- Agree to communicate about their experience with their sponsoring club in Rotary District 5150 and the host club in their area of study throughout their year. (The successful candidate will be notified by selection committee chair Gina Grant as to which Rotary Club is their host club during their school year as soon as possible after selection.)
- Agree to participate in an exit interview video to be shared with Rotarians and future applicants.

Eligibility

- Candidates may not be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent) of persons in the aforementioned categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from club membership.
- Rotaract Club members and non-Rotarians are eligible for this scholarship.
- Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 5150. Please feel free to contact any of our clubs. A list of clubs may be found at: <https://rotary5150.org/clubdirectory/>. If you need assistance in connecting to a Rotary Club for sponsorship, please reach out to selection committee chair Gina Grant ginagrants2@hotmail.com for guidance and introduction.
- Scholarship must be used for a graduate program – masters, PhD, or post-doctoral program. This scholarship is not available for undergraduate studies. Candidates must also complete their undergraduate degree program before commencing scholarship studies.
- Candidates must either have a full offer or conditional offer to a graduate program at time of application or have one remaining full academic year of a graduate program from a multi-year program. This scholarship is not available for a partial year of study.
- Ability to express source of funds for remaining costs above and beyond the USD\$31,500 of this scholarship (See “Additional Funding” section below).
- Candidates must agree that funds will be distributed according to the rules and regulations established by Rotary International and that all eligible receipts will be provided in a timely manner. The Successful candidate will be provided specific instructions on how and when to provide receipts for payment.

Deadlines and other Key Information

- Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Saturday, April 1, 2023, and must be emailed to selection committee chair Gina Grant at ginagrants2@hotmail.com. Please include the following in the subject line: “Global Grant Scholarship / *Your Name*”
- All applicants will be notified by email as to whether they will advance to the final interview by Saturday, April 8, 2023.
- Selected candidates will be interviewed individually for approximately 45 minutes over Zoom on Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Specific time slot will be given in advance).
- Selection Status Notification will be emailed to all finalists and their sponsoring clubs as soon as possible after interviews are completed.

Supplemental Documents and Video Required with Submission of Application

Please include the following with your application that is due April 1, 2023:

- Resume up to 2 pages that includes:
 - Name of Educational Institution(s)
 - Degree(s), Major(s), and/or Minor(s) if applicable
 - Work, volunteer, and/or extra-curricular experiences
- Transcript(s) from previous or current college or university (tertiary) studies. Include any transcript(s) from study abroad or exchange studies, if applicable. Transcript(s) do not have to be official transcript(s). Include an English translation of any transcript not already in English.
- Proof of conditional offer or admission to the academic institution where you will be studying under this scholarship. (This must be received no later than prior to your final interview date of April 15, 2023 if unable to provide at time of application.)
- Video expressing an impactful life experience (maximum of 3 minutes). Please post on Vimeo, YouTube, or any medium accessible by HTTP link with public access.
- Please list Link to Video here: _____.

Questions to be Asked During the Final Interview on April 15, 2023

Please do not submit your answers to the following questions with your application. The questions will be asked at the final interview held on April 15, 2023, should you be selected and are provided in advance to allow for preparation and to reduce nervousness. The selection committee seeks answers to the following questions that are authentic and not scripted:

1. Briefly introduce yourself, your background, and how your study abroad aligns with your area of focus.
2. What are you most proud of and why?
3. What motivated you to choose your area of study, what is it about this academic degree in this country that has attracted you, what challenges do you anticipate from being in another country, and how will you adapt?
4. Please share with us a challenging situation you have experienced, how you overcame it, and what you learned from that situation.
5. After a long life, what would you like to be remembered for regarding your contributions and/or impact on your community and/or the world?
6. If you could spend an hour over lunch with anyone of your choice (from history or currently living) who would that be and why?
7. Over the course of the year, there is an expectation that you will meet over Zoom or in person with your host Rotary Club where you are studying and with your sponsoring Rotary Club from Rotary District 5150 a few times throughout the year. How do you feel about that?
8. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself as we consider you for this scholarship?

Application for 2023-24



Sponsoring Rotary Club

My sponsoring club from Rotary District 5150 is the Rotary Club of: _____

Personal Information

First name: _____

Nickname: _____

Family name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Birth date: MM-DD-YYYY _____

Contact Information

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Postal code: _____

Country: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information

First name: _____

Family name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Postal code: _____

Country: _____

Cell Phone: _____

How Your Studies Relate to Rotary’s Focus

Refer to Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus (www.rotary.org/en/our-causes) then select the **one** area of focus that **most** closely aligns with your educational and career goals:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Environment

Proposed Academic Program

Provide the following information about the academic program you plan to attend:

Name of institution:

Institution’s website:

Location (city,
country):

Degree and major:

Academic program:

Language of
instruction:

Academic program
start date:

MM-DD-YYYY

Academic program end
date:

MM-DD-YYYY

Planned departure date:

MM-DD-YYYY

Planned return date:

MM-DD-YYYY

Please answer each of the following questions, limited to approximately 250 words (Note: boxes expand as you type.):

How do your previous and/or current educational, work, volunteer, and/or extra-curricular experiences align with your chosen Rotary Area of Focus and future career goals?

How will your academic program and career goals be impactful to the lives of others?

What are your short/long-term career goals after the completion of your studies?

Budget

This scholarship is merit-based, not need-based. However, you must demonstrate your ability to fund your expenses that exceed the scholarship's USD\$31,500. Therefore, we ask you to outline your proposed expenses and provide any additional funding sources needed to complete your year.

When filling out the worksheets below, please name the local currency and enter the current rate of exchange to U.S. dollars **for February 2023** listed on the Rotary Exchange Rates Table found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates> . (If the currency where you are studying is not shown on the table, please use the February 2023 exchange rate from another site and note the site below.)

Name of Currency: _____
 Rotary Exchange Rate February 2023: _____
 If not using Rotary Exchange Rate, list site here: _____

Detail your proposed expenses for the academic year. Please note the source of the additional funding in the financing section below if the total expenses exceed the scholarship amount.

#	Description	Category	USD	Local Currency
1:	Tuition & fees	Tuition		
2:	Room & Board	Living		
3:	Books	Supplies		
4:	Airfare	Travel		
5:	Consular/Visa Fees	Administrative		
6:	Health Insurance	Health		
7:	Local transportation	Travel		
8:	Entertainment	Entertainment		
9:	Other			
10:				
11:				
12:				
Total anticipated expenses				

Additional Funding

The scholarship amount is USD\$31,500.00. You are personally responsible for all expenses in excess of the scholarship amount. Please list and describe your sources¹ of additional funds to cover the balance of your expenses listed above.

#	Description	Source	USD	Local Currency
1.	Rotary Global Grant Scholarship	Rotary District 5150	\$31,500	
2.				
3.				
4.				
Total funding				

¹ Funding sources may include family support, loans, grants, or other scholarships (including funds from other Rotary clubs or districts), etc.