

Rotary Global Grants Scholarships 2027-28 Academic Year Abroad

A Guide for Applicants

Rotary District 5280



A Brief History of Rotary Scholarships

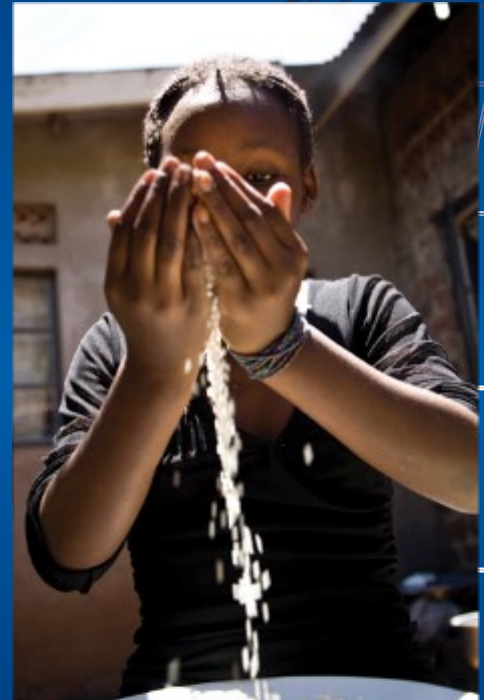
- In 1947 the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship was founded by The Rotary Foundation to build goodwill and peace in the world.
- More than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad
- Rotary is the world's largest private provider of international scholarships, providing around 1,000 each year.
- The program became the Global Grants Scholarship in 2013.



Rotary Scholarship Alumni

Distinguished alumni include:

- Bill Moyers - Journalist
- Paul Volcker – Federal Reserve Chair
- Roger Ebert - Motion Picture Critic
- Janet Chvatal – Classical Soprano
- Louise Richardson – Vice Chancellor Oxford University



Global Grants Scholarships

\$30,600 general scholarship grant for one year of study abroad to include tuition, books, travel, room & board.

Applications must be made directly to a local Rotary Club.



Global Grants Scholarships

- Scholarships are for one year graduate studies abroad.
- Rotary has identified seven Areas of Focus as related to its mission of "*Service above Self.*"
- Studies, proposed project and career goals must all relate to one or more of the seven Areas of Focus.



Scholarship Eligibility

- Applicants cannot be Rotarians, employees of Rotary, or be from immediate Rotary families.
- Applicants must be US citizens, or citizens of a country in which there are Rotary clubs.
- Applicants must have completed their undergraduate degree program before commencing scholarship studies.



Scholarship Eligibility, cont.

- Applicants must be proficient in the native language of the host country.
- Applicants must show acceptance in graduate studies at a university or other academic institution outside of the U.S.
- Studies, projects and career goals must relate to one or more seven Areas of Focus identified by The Rotary Foundation as fundamental to the goals of Rotary.



Areas of Focus

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

Project Proposals

- Scholars must propose and execute a community-based service project.
- Project proposals are included in the scholarship grant application.
- Project implementation is coordinated with the host club and district.
- Projects must be sustainable and measurable.
- Project activities should draw from real community needs.



2027-28 Scholarship Timetable

- Applications are due to clubs on December 11, 2026 via email and U.S. Mail.
- Candidate interviews are held by each club in JAN/FEB 2027.
- Club endorsed applications are due to the District by February 19, 2027.
- District interviews are held in March 2027. Date and place to be determined.



Scholar Responsibilities

- Scholars must provide evidence of their acceptance at their university abroad with their application.
- Scholars must participate in club meetings and district events prior to departure.
- Scholars must complete a pre-departure Orientation.
- Scholars must design and execute a community-based service project while abroad in their host district.



Scholar Responsibilities, cont.

- Scholars must participate in club and district activities with their host club while abroad.
- Scholars must give presentations to their host club and/or district while abroad.
- Scholars must report to their sponsor club and complete a Report to The Rotary Foundation upon completion of their year abroad.
- Scholars must give presentations to their sponsor club and other clubs upon their return home.



Resources

- **www.rotary.org**
- The Rotary Foundation
 - *Global Grants Scholarships*
-  Rotary on Facebook



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Questions?

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