

Rotary Global Grants Scholarships

A Guide for Rotary Clubs

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 through 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 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 of the 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.



Ideal Candidate Qualities

- Possesses excellent leadership skills and potential.
- Has a proven record of success in his/her academic field or vocation.
- Has demonstrated a personal commitment to community service.
- Has well-defined and realistic goals.



Ideal Candidate Qualities, cont.

- Has concrete ideas as to how he/she will make advances within his/her chosen career field.
- Is sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period.



2023-24 Scholarship Timetable

- Applications are due to clubs on December 8, 2023 via email and U.S. Mail.
- Candidate interviews are held by each club in JAN/FEB 2024.
- Club endorsed applications are due to the District by February 9, 2024.
- District interviews are held in March 2024. Date and place to be determined.



Club Participation

- Rotary clubs are a critical component in the Global Grants Scholarship program.
- Sponsor clubs must be certified before Global Grant application.
- Candidates may be from local universities and colleges, but need not be current students. Any candidate that meets the general qualifications is eligible.



Club Responsibilities

- Review application materials.
- Interview qualified candidates.
- Club approval of selected candidates.
- Assign a club counselor to the selected candidates.
- Forward approved candidate applications to District 5280.
- Invite candidates to club meetings and district events.



Club Responsibilities, cont.

- An online Global Grants Application must be completed for each candidate selected at the District level.
- Clubs are responsible for distributing scholarship funds to the scholar.
- Club counselors must stay in regular contact with their scholars abroad.
- Clubs must follow up with their scholars to ensure they follow all requirements upon their return home.



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.



FAQs

- How do clubs get the word out about the Global Grants Scholarships to prospective candidates?
 - Clubs may utilize social media and contact study abroad offices at local universities and colleges in District 5280 and send them information and application materials.
- How are candidates selected?
 - Clubs should organize a Scholarship Committee to recruit candidates, review applications, and interview applicants.



FAQs cont.

- How many scholarships are available in the District?
 - Depending on available funding one or more scholarships may be available in any given year.
- How are scholarships funded?
 - All global grants, including scholarships, receive an 80% match on District Designated Funds (DDF) from the World Fund (WF).



FAQs cont.

- If a scholar candidate is selected at the District level, are they assured a scholarship?
 - No. The Rotary Foundation will review the candidate's qualifications and has the final say on awarding the scholarship.
- How do scholars stay in touch with Rotary after the completion of their year abroad?
 - In addition to club resources, scholars are encouraged to join the Scholars Foundation Alumni group and become a Rotarian.



Resources

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



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