

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## **Introduction**

The Scholarship program consists of two components, District Grant Scholarships and Global Grant Scholarships.

District Grant Scholarships are funded and managed by clubs with funding support from the District Foundation Committee. They are flexible, relatively small in value, and can be used for study anywhere and at any level in a college, technical institute or university. These scholarships can also be used to support students attending RYPEN, RYLA, and RYLE programs.

Global Grant Scholarships are for graduate (master's and doctoral) study abroad in one of the six areas of focus identified by the Foundation. They have a minimum value of \$30,000 USD and are jointly funded by Clubs, the District Foundation Committee, and the TRF World Fund.

## **District Grant Scholarships**

District Grant Scholarships are available to clubs that wish to sponsor one or more scholarships for students entering or continuing post-secondary study including apprenticeship programs. This District Grant award will be approximately \$650 per club depending upon funding availability. Clubs are required to provide matching funds for either single or multiple scholarships.

*Rotary members and direct relatives (spouse, parent, child, grandchild or sibling) of Rotary members are ineligible to apply.*

Individual clubs set eligibility criteria; these should include scholastic achievement and/or financial need.

Clubs must apply by May 31 for the following Rotary and academic year using the web based District Grant Scholarship Application Form.

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend a meeting of their sponsoring club and make a brief presentation of their study and/or career goals.

## **Global Grant Scholarships**

Global Grant Scholarships can only be awarded for study outside Canada, and candidates must follow a program of study in one of the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. Information about Global Grant Scholarships is available on the Rotary Foundation website:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>

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A student wishing to receive a Global Grant Scholarship must first identify a sponsoring club that must provide a minimum contribution of \$8600 USD towards a minimum \$30,000 USD Global Grant Scholarship. This cash amount from the club is matched by District Designated Funds (DDF), and the balance comes from The Rotary Foundation World Fund.

The Sponsoring Club makes an application to TRF on-line. Because of limited DDF funds available for this purpose and the possibility of several applications from our District, clubs are asked to forward a candidate's application to the District Scholarship Committee first.

The District Scholarship Committee will review the candidate's application and interview the candidate. An application form (for District use only) is available on the District website. Deadline for submission to the District Scholarship Committee for Global Grant Scholarships to be used in the Rotary year starting July 1 is March 31. The District Scholarship Committee reviews all applications received by the deadline, and informs the successful Club(s) and its (their) applicant(s) of its decision. Clubs then apply for the Global Grant Scholarship to TRF using the on-line application process for Global Grants. The deadline for the TRF applications is June 30.

One or more Clubs can jointly act as Sponsor for a single Global Grant Scholarship.

There are no guarantees of funding scholarships from year to year since the DDF amount available will fluctuate with donations by Rotarians from the District to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund.

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