

Global Grant Scholars and Peace Fellows: Supplemental Guidance for Applications in D5580

This document outlines policies and procedures to the Global Grant Scholars and Peace Fellowship process in D5580. These guidelines are intended to supplement the guidance provided by RI for Global Grant Scholarships and Peace Fellowships, which can be found here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships>

FUNDING OF GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARS AND PEACE FELLOWS

Global Grant Scholars require a financial commitment from District Designated Funds (DDF) and a significant time commitment for Rotarians in D5580. Peace Fellows do not require funding through DDF but we recognize that appropriate support must be provided for candidates. Therefore, we implement the following recommended guidelines for recruitment and acceptance of applications:

- In odd years in D5580, we will recruit/accept candidates for Peace Fellowships, recruiting suitable candidates if necessary.
- On even years in D5580, we will recruit/accept candidates for Global Grant Scholarships.

District Designated Funds (DDF) contributed to Global Grant Scholars is capped at \$40,000. Actual contribution of DDF may be less than \$40,000, depending on availability.

ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIAL SCHOLARS AND PEACE FELLOWS

Potential Global Grant Scholars and Peace Fellows should engage with Rotary in District 5580 as part of the application process. Applicants are recommended to present on their proposed study plans at rotary meetings in D5580, especially meetings of their potential host club. Candidates should be strongly encouraged to attend meetings of several different clubs in D5580 and engage in at least one Rotary activity prior to being interviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

TIMELINE FOR GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

In D5580, December 31 is the closing date for applicants to submit their completed application to the Scholarship Committee for the following fall semester. This ensures that there is enough time to identify appropriate host and international clubs for the Global Grant Scholars, support their application submission, support the D5580 club sponsoring the scholar, etc.

It is recommended that the candidate be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, Sponsoring 5580 rotary club, or both as soon as possible. In most cases, scholars will be identified in the summer/fall and could be interviewed as soon as December. If necessary, the interview could occur as late as mid-February but should not be extended beyond this.

As soon as a potential candidate for a Global Grant Scholarship has been identified, a suitable club should be identified in D5580. The Scholarship committee is tasked with identifying clubs willing to participate in the Global Grant Scholarship process and this should be well under way prior to the candidate interview.

The finalized application (submitted through the RI website after the candidate has been approved in D5580) should be submitted March prior to their planned fall enrollment to give enough time for RI to review the application and approve funds and to ensure the candidate has adequate time to prepare for an extended period abroad.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOST CLUBS FOR GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

All clubs supporting/hosting/sponsoring a Global Grant Scholar must abide by the following Rotary International in addition to the requirements <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants> In addition, in D5580, we ask that sponsoring clubs commit to the following:

- Providing 5% of the scholar's proposed budget.
- Train and support the sponsoring club the following Global Grant scholarship cycle.

If multiple clubs have interest in sponsoring a scholar, preference should be given to clubs that have participated less frequently and may have less capacity to work on other international service projects.

