**District 5710 Instructions for Global Grant Scholarship Selections**

**For District Rotary Clubs**

District 5710 funds one Global Grant Scholarship every three years and will fund one in fiscal year 2025-2026. To find information on Global Grant Scholarships, go to:

[Welcome | Rotary District 5710 (rotary5710.org)](https://rotary5710.org/sitepage/global-grant-scholarships), then click on **LINKS**

**District 5710 funds one Rotary Peace Fellowship every year. Global Grant Scholarships are not Rotary Peace Fellowships.** For information on Peace Fellowships, go to:

[**PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES | Rotary District 5710 (rotary5710.org)**](https://rotary5710.org/sitepage/world-peace-scholars)

Through Global Grant Scholarships, Rotary members support future leaders in fields related to Rotary’s seven areas of focus:

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

A global grant scholarship from District 5710 funds graduate-level coursework or research for one, possibly two years. A key feature of global grants is the partnership between the district or club in the study location (host sponsor) and the district or club in the scholar’s home country (international sponsor). Both sponsors must be qualified before the global grant scholar submits an application. The [Club Finder](https://my.rotary.org/en/club-search) on rotary.org can assist students in finding a host sponsor near where the student wants to study or conduct research. Candidates must provide proof of university admission at the time of application.

**FINDING ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES**

Global grant scholars must plan to pursue a career in an area of focus, and their graduate-level educational goals should support this career interest. Pursuing a career in an area of focus means the scholar has a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change. The candidate’s previous work or volunteer experience, academic program, and career plans need to strongly aligned with one of the areas of focus.

The student should be told they are expected to make some presentations to Rotary Clubs while abroad and that District 5710 expects them to give some presentations to Rotary Clubs here after returning. This could be done in person or via Zoom when they are back in the U.S.

Clubs in the district should consider working with members, local university faculty and staff, and the universities elite scholarship advisors to identify potential scholars.

Students may be studying in District 5710 but do not have to be from District 5710. Alternatively, the students may be from District 5710 but studying outside of the district.

Students should be seniors; finishing one level of graduate studies and ready to advance to the next level; or ready to conduct graduate research.

If you find a student who is interested in applying for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship, first ask if they are:

* Active and honorary Rotary members
* Employees of a Rotary club or district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity
* Children or grandchildren (by blood or legal adoption) or spouses of lineal descendants of current Rotarians or Rotarians within 36 months of their resignation.
* Former Rotary members and their relatives as described above (within 36 months of their resignation).

Essentially, neither their parents nor their grandparents may have been Rotarians within the past three years. This is to squelch any hint of nepotism.

MD (Doctor of Medicine) and DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degrees are not eligible to be funded by a Global Grant Scholarship. This is because medical degrees are too generalized. The Rotary Foundation will fund post-doc research relating to one of Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus, if a practicing MD/OD were looking to pursue something like that at a medical institution abroad, but medical degrees in general are not eligible.

**INTERVIEWING ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AT THE CLUB LEVEL**

In addition to confirming a candidate’s eligibility, an interview enables you to determine whether the candidate has:

• Excellent leadership skills and potential

• A proven record of success in their academic field or vocation

• A commitment to community service

• Well-defined and realistic goals

• Concrete ideas for advancing within their chosen field

• Sincerity about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the study period

Clubs and candidates should use the sample candidate application provided by the Foundation.

Ask the student to fill out the sample candidate application (but not online) so you and your committee may review their application, help them clarify information and improve the application before they eventually fill it out online and submit the application to RI.

Provide the candidate with a copy of the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants and the areas of focus policy statements, and be sure that they understand them.

**BEST PRACTICES**

Incorporate the questions from the scholar profile section of the online application into your application and interview process. For your reference, these questions can be found in the Global Grant Application Template. All are available from links on this page:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants Scroll down to the near the bottom of the page to: Global Grants Scholarships Supplement.>

**DISTRICT 5710 TIMELINE**

Fall 2024 – January 2025

Local Clubs organize their selection committees

Local Clubs recruit scholarship applicants

Local Clubs conduct interviews and select a candidate to nominate to the District level

**February 2025**

07 Clubs should have finished interviewing potential scholarship applicants.

10 Clubs should have sent Steven Graham, District Scholarship Chair, the applicant’s

sample scholarship application, which will be forwarded to the entire committee for review before the District 5710 interviews.

22 Candidates from across District 5710 will be brought together for a District-level

interview by the District Selection Subcommittee. One candidate and an alternate will be selected.

24 The District 5710 Selection Subcommittee will then contact the RI Regional Grants Officer who will conduct a preliminary review of the candidate.

March 2025

01 If the Regional Grants Officer approves of the candidate, the District Committee will work with the candidate and Rotary International to ensure the many next steps happen and the student successfully leaves for their overseas study in the next fiscal year.

**SUMMARY**

District 5710 has a long, successful history of supporting Global Grant Scholars and, before that, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. If you have questions or seek clarification, please contact:

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