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

 **For Scholarship Applicants**

District 5710 funds one Global Grant Scholarship every two 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 clubs and 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.

**ARE YOU AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE?**

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

The student going abroad to study is expected to make some presentations to Rotary Clubs while abroad and District 5710 expects you to give some presentations to Rotary Clubs here after returning. This could be done in person or via Zoom when you are back in the U.S.

To apply for a scholarship, you may be studying in District 5710 but do not have to be from District 5710. Alternatively, you 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.

A student who is interested in applying for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship must be able to answer the following questions with a firm “no”:

* Active and honorary Rotary member
* Employee of a Rotary club or district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity
* A child or grandchild (by blood or legal adoption) or spouse of lineal descendants of current Rotarians or Rotarians within 36 months of their resignation.
* Former Rotary member or their relative as described above (within 36 months of their resignation).

Essentially, neither you nor your parents or 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 be 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.

**THE LOCAL CLUB LEVEL WILL INTERVIEW ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FIRST**

In addition to confirming a candidate’s eligibility, an interview enables the sponsoring local club to determine whether the student 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.

If you meet the conditions to apply, then go to the District 5710 Rotary website [Home Page | Rotary District 5710 (rotary5710.org)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/rotary5710.org/__;!!ACWV5N9M2RV99hQ!N_5IEZaDc3KHhKBlDb4B60O8leS1OF1RSPh3buxS8OyhRFIn6P7c6yPavAh96UJrlju53DKqup9s1oSRAqVs$) and, under Foundation, click on Global Grant Scholarships.  On the left, go down to Global Grant Scholarship Supplement and click on that.  In those instructions, you will find the actual application.  Please fill out the application offline so you can share with Rotarians in your local club and they can provide feedback to clarify or improve things.  If you are chosen to be our Global Grant Scholar at the District level, we will have you fill out the online version later.

The student should fill out the sample candidate application **(but not online)** so the student and Rotary committee may review the application, help the student clarify information and improve the application before the student eventually fills it out online and submits the application.

Be sure and look over the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants and the areas of focus policy statements, and be sure that you understand them.

**INTERVIEW HINTS**

1. Candidates should know the Rotary club and District Scholarship Interview Committee will not only ask the student about your area of study but also how it relates to one of Rotary’s seven areas of focus, why you chose the university(ies) you chose, how your study will make an impact in the world and how you propose to remain linked to Rotary in the future, so be prepared. Also, why is this study abroad crucial to your future career path and why couldn’t you just study here? Be sure and spend some time on the Rotary International website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and learn about the history of Rotary, its founder, its mottos and what Rotary’s big efforts in the world are.

**February 2025 DISTRICT 5710 TIMELINE**

 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 to April 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.

District Committee will contact the host district to invite participation.

Candidate starts application process in the Grant Center.

Candidate completes the scholar profile online.

May 1, 2025 up until June1, 2025

Candidate submits their application to the Rotary Foundation.

May to July 2025

Grant is approved.

Scholar is provided with a letter of financial guarantee. The scholarship pays for your travel, rent, living expenses, tuition, books, fees, etc. Basically everything.

Local Rotary Club receives the grant payment.

Club transfers the grant funds to scholar.

Rotary conducts scholar orientation seminar.

August 1, 2025 or whenever the time is right, the Scholar departs

6-12 months from payment and departure – Submit progress reports

Finally 2026: 2 months after completion of study – Submit final report.

**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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