**Rotary District 5890**

**2016-2017 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Application**

District 5890 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships will be used to fund one year of **post-baccalaureate** study at a recognized university in a non-U.S. country in a study discipline that supports the Object of Rotary and the Mission of The Rotary Foundation (see www.rotary.org).

Applicants’ planned studies must:

Lead to sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of the following six Areas of Focus:

(a) Peace and conflict prevention/resolution;

(b) Disease prevention and treatment;

(c) Water and sanitation;

(d) Maternal and child health;

(e) Basic education and literacy; and/or

(f) Economic and community development

**Applicants must submit this application and all supplementary sheets completed in full to a Rotary club in District 5890. All Required Documents (see page 5) must reach the District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships Chair no later than *October 23, 2015*. Applicants are not to forward this application to The Rotary Foundation or to Rotary International.**

**Interviews will be held only on *November 21, 2015*; if an applicant is unable to be interviewed in person that day, due to scheduling conflicts, he/she will not be eligible for consideration for a scholarship.**

**SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Contact Information**

Family Name       First Name:

Gender:  Male  Female

Permanent Address:

E-Mail Address:

Country of Citizenship:

Primary Phone:       Secondary Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_     \_

Places (with dates) that applicant has lived during the past 5 years:

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**Languages and Education**

List the languages you speak (including native language) and your proficiency level.

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List the two educational institutions you have attended most recently.

Name of Educational Institution Major Degree Earned or Expected Date From Date To

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**Employment/Volunteerism History**

List most recent first.

Employer/Volunteer Organization Title or Type of Work Date From Date To

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**Previous Experience Abroad**

List all countries in which you have previously lived or studied.

Country Circumstances Date From Date To

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**Proposed Academic Program Details**

Name of Institution:

Location (city and country):

Institution’s Web Site:

Academic Program:

Official Language(s):

Anticipated Start Date:

Anticipated End Date:

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND GOALS**

With which of Rotary’s Areas of Focus is the program of study aligned?

 Peace and conflict prevention/resolution  Maternal and child health

 Disease prevention and treatment  Basic education and literacy

 Water and sanitation  Economic and community development

Explain how your program of study relates to your selected Area(s) of Focus, as defined by the statement of purpose and goals for the Area of Focus listed here:

http://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/595.

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Provide a description of the program coursework, such as a list of the classes you plan to attend, and any relevant links to further information about the program on the website.

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What past education or experience has led to your interest in this particular program at this institution?

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**SUSTAINABILITY AND MEASURABILITY**

Describe your educational and professional goals, including your career plans, and how your chosen program of study will help to advance these goals.

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What community needs will your work address during or after completing this program?

How will your work contribute to addressing this need on a long-term basis?

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Explain how you have already Served Above Yourself. Do not list organizations that you have been a part of. Instead, specifically describe your role in ensuring the community was profoundly impacted through your efforts. Specify work done related to your proposed discipline of study.

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**SECTION 2 – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

**1. ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT: Form attached. *MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION*.**

**2. BUDGET: Please submit as detailed a budget as possible of your expected expenses for your scholarship year, such as tuition and other required fees, books, academic supplies, travel to your study location at the commencement and end of your scholarship year, accommodations and food, and developed service project (if necessary). Please also include details of any other scholarships and/or other sources of funding of which you are aware.**

**3. RECOMMENDATION FORMS (2): Forms attached (or sent to District 5890 Scholarships Chair\*).**

**4. LANGUAGE ABILITY FORM: Form attached (or sent to District 5890 Scholarships Chair\*). *REQUIRED ONLY IF LANGUAGE IN STUDY COUNTRY IS DIFFFERENT THAN YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE.***

**5. TRANSCRIPTS: Your most recent academic transcripts (attach or send to District 5890 Scholarships Chair\*).**

**6. OPTIONAL: If you are comfortable doing so, please attach a recent photograph; it will be helpful for recognition purposes at the interviews.**

**\*District 5890 Rotary Foundation Scholarships Chair**:

Bill Barmore

P. O. Box 34824

Houston, Texas 77234, or

bbarmore5890@gmail.com

**NOTE**: The Chair must receive your application and all required documents no later than **October 23, 2015**, in either electronic or hard copy. Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered.

**SECTION 3 - APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION**

I hereby apply for a one-year District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary District 5890. I certify that I am eligible to apply, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible: (a) a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian; (b) an employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity; (c) a spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in categories (a) or (b); and that Rotarians and their relatives as described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.

**If I receive a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, I agree:**

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the following ambassadorial responsibilities:
   * Attend any orientation programs organized by our district and/or other districts.
   * Before departure, attend meetings of my sponsoring Rotary club and Rotary events in our district as invited, and present at least one talk to a Rotary group.
   * Make myself available for, and encourage, media interviews at home and abroad.
   * Maintain full-time academic studies with distinction, giving equal importance to the academic and ambassadorial aspects of your scholarship.
   * Be actively involved with Rotary in my host district, making at least 10-15 presentations to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences, and submit required reports to Rotary District 5890 describing my academic progress activities.
   * Present at least 8 talks to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences within the first year after my return home.
   * *Maintain communication with my sponsor and host Rotarians before, during, and after my study period. Offer to share my ambassadorial experiences at Rotary clubs or district meetings, and participate in Rotary Foundation alumni activities.*
   * Register contact information with Alumni Relations at the Rotary Foundation, keeping my address, telephone number and e-mail address updated at all times.

2) That I must choose a field of study within one of the six Areas of Focus established by Rotary International.

3) That the academic program must be no less than one academic year, unless otherwise approved.

4) That the program must be a graduate level program only.

5) That, if my total academic fees and living expenses do not exceed USD$30,000, I must outline a prospective service project within the Areas of Focus of my proposed field of study, and execute the service plan during the scholarship period, if possible.

6) That my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than 1 July 2016, and that I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken before this date. If I study at an institution located in the Southern Hemisphere, that I will be expected to begin studies in February/March 2017.

7) Scholarship funding is for only those items required for my studies (such as tuition and other required fees, books, academic supplies, travel to my study location at the commencement and end of my scholarship year, accommodations and food) and developed service project in one of the six Areas of Focus..

8) That I am responsible for gaining admission at my study institution, obtaining required visa(s), making appropriate travel arrangements, and completing all pre-departure requirements, and that I must abide by any decisions made by Rotary District 5890 officials concerning my scholarship.

9) That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing my pre-departure requirements, including any application or visa fees, and any required exam fees.

10) That I am responsible for all costs associated with my spouse or dependents who may accompany me during my scholarship period, and that I will not live with a companion or partner to whom I am not married during my scholarship.

11) That I am expected to embrace Rotary’s spirit of volunteerism and engage in volunteer activities from the time of scholarship application, through the term abroad, to a post-award commitment in my local community.

12) That my scholarship may not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.

13) That I must advise Rotary District 5890 of any other stipend or grant awarded for my scholarship year.

14) To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International and/or Rotary District 5890 to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship.

15) That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an institution approved by Rotary District 5890; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of Rotary District 5890; withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term; deficient knowledge of the language of the study country and institution; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar; failure to follow the directions of Rotary District 5890 officials; failure to provide my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and Rotary District 5890 with my current information including mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address at all times; failure to maintain regular monthly communications with my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and Rotary District 5890; or any contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship. I understand that revocation of a scholarship shall cause all payments to cease and may make me liable for the return of payments previously provided.

16) That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs and Rotarians are in no way liable for a scholar’s personal welfare or responsible for enabling a scholar to pursue his or her studies beyond the scholarship period. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 5890 assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.

     

Name of Applicant (please print) Signature

**ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT**

The Rotary Club of

Name

           

City State/Province Country

after consideration of       applicants, proposes

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Name of Applicant (please print)

for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship and forwards this application to the appropriate district official, as instructed.

The Rotary club selection committee  did  did not interview this candidate

Each recipient of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship is assigned a Rotarian sponsor counselor. The sponsor counselor should be a knowledgeable Rotarian, who serves as a resource and mentor to the scholar before, during, and after the scholarship period.

The club president recommends the following Rotarian as sponsor counselor, should the applicant receive a scholarship:

Name of Sponsor Counselor

Street Address

     

City/Town State/Province

Country Postal Code

Home Telephone Business Telephone

Fax E-Mail Address

(Note: If no sponsor counselor is listed, the club president will be designated as the scholar’s sponsor counselor.)

If a club’s candidate is endorsed by the District 5890 Scholarships Committee, it is the responsibility of the sponsoring club and the endorsed candidate to jointly apply for a Global Grant Scholarship on The Rotary Foundation web site, and to comply with the procedures and regulations of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation will ultimately determine the final approval or disapproval of the Global Grant Scholarship Application.

The club also agrees to have a Rotarian member, preferably the sponsor counselor, accompany its candidate to the Global Scholar Elect Training Seminar (GSETS) in Houston, Texas, on January 9, 2016.

Name of Club President (please print)

Signature of Club President Date

Home Telephone Business Telephone

Fax E-Mail Address

***The sponsor club president is requested to make a complete photocopy of this application for club records before forwarding the application to the appropriate district official.***

**ACADEMIC/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION**

**SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant.**

Name of Applicant

I  waive  do not waive my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation Form.

Signature of Applicant

**SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor or employer/supervisor.**

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

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2. How firm is the applicant’s commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

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3. In what way would study abroad contribute to the applicant’s academic or professional development?

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4. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

Excellent Very Good Average Below Average

Leadership

Initiative

Seriousness of purpose

Enthusiasm

Adaptability

Maturity

Emotional stability

Public speaking

Community service

5. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 4.

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6. Tell us about any first-hand knowledge that you have of the applicant serving above themselves and/or provide

additional comments.

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Name Title or Position

Signature Date

Institution/Company

Telephone Fax E-Mail Address

*Please return completed evaluation by October 23, 2015 to:*

**District 5890 Rotary Foundation Scholarships Chair**:

Bill Barmore

P. O. Box 34824

Houston, Texas 77234, or

bbarmore5890@gmail.com

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**LANGUAGE ABILITY FORM**

**SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant. *(Please type.)***

Complete this form only if you intend to study in a country where the native language is different from your own.

Name of Applicant

I  waive  do not waive my right to access information in Part II of the Language Ability Form.

Signature of Applicant

1. For what language is this form being completed?

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2. Summarize the formal education and training you have had in this language.

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3. Summarize the informal training or experience you have had using this language.

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4. If granted a scholarship in a country where this language is used, what additional language training will you undertake before departure?

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**SECTION II — To be completed by a language instructor. *(Please type.)***

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

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2. Your evaluation is based on  Previous class or tutoring  Other (please specify)

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3. Rate the applicant’s present language ability as follows:

Superior Good Fair Rudimentary

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Writing

Comprehension (aural)

Speaking

4. Please comment on the applicant’s ability to carry out a program of study using this language. If the applicant’s command of the language is not adequate, what training would you recommend?

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Name Title or Position

Signature Date

Institution

Telephone Fax E-Mail Address

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**SECTION 4 – TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF SELECTED AS A DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Family Name:       First Name

Relationship:

Address:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

E-Mail Address:

**AGREEMENT**

I accept the scholarship granted by Rotary District 5890 for study during the pre-determined academic

years of 2016-2017.

I acknowledge that Rotary District 5890 has agreed to provide me a scholarship as described below.

In accepting this scholarship, I understand and agree that:

1. I have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District and Global Grants

(https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants) and will

adhere to all policies that apply to scholarships and the proper use of the funds awarded.

2. I am not: (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary

International; (3) the spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or stepchild,

legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or

grandparent by blood) of any person in the foregoing two categories.

3. My scholarship is provided for direct enrollment at the approved study institution, and

award funding is intended to defray my expenses only during my scholarship period, as

approved by District 5890. My award funding, either directly or indirectly, will cover no

other person’s expenses.

4. Depending on tax laws in my home and host countries, the scholarship may be taxable to me in part or in full, and I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for investigating and paying al local, state and/or federal taxes that pertain to the funding of my scholarship, or otherwise result from residency in my home country.

5. I will live in the immediate vicinity of my approved study institution and in my host district, so that I can participate in the Rotary club and district activities of my host district.

6. Deferral or postponement of studies after the scholarship study period has begun will not be considered or approved.

7. The duration of this scholarship is for consecutive terms within the approved scholarship period at the study institution; this scholarship is only for the graduate level (or equivalent) program(s) approved by Rotary District 5890, and under no circumstances will this scholarship be extended beyond the approved time period.

8. I will be responsible for arranging travel to and from the study institution and will follow all travel policies listed in the Terms and Conditions.

9. I will keep my international and host sponsors and my District 5890 Rotary Foundation Scholarships Chair advised of my current mailing address, telephone number, and email address at all times before, during and after my study period.

10. I will participate in mandatory pre-departure orientation activities offered by the sponsoring Rotary club or Rotary District 5890, and club and district activities during the term of my scholarship, as requested by my sponsors.

11. I will submit progress reports to my District 5890 Rotary Foundation Scholarships Chair every 6 months for the term of my scholarship, including a final report one month before completion of my scholarship period. I will send copies of my reports to my sponsoring and host Rotary clubs.

12. I will exercise good judgment in expressing opinions regarding controversial, political, racial, or religious issues so as to avoid offending others. In addition, I will abide by the local laws of my host country.

13. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, the sponsoring club, my approved study institution, and any Rotary district, club, or individual Rotarian are in no way responsible for enabling me to pursue my studies beyond my scholarship period. If I choose to pursue studies beyond that period, all expenses will be my responsibility.

14. I will refrain from engaging in dangerous activities for the entirety of the scholarship period. I further confirm that I understand and agree to the following:

       I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in, and traveling to and from, grant activities and/or scholarship activities.

       While participating in this scholarship, I may be involved in some dangerous activity including exposure to disease, injury, sickness, inadequate and unsafe public infrastructure, unsafe transportation, hazardous work conditions, strenuous physical activity, inclement weather, political unrest, cultural misunderstandings, issues resulting from noncompliance with local laws, physical injury or harm, and crime and fraud. I understand these risks and assume all risks involved with this scholarship and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 from any and all damages or injuries that may result from the above.

       I do hereby release Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 from any liability, responsibility, and obligation, either financial or otherwise, beyond providing the grant.

       If I, because of serious illness or injury, am unable to complete the terms of this agreement and must return home, Rotary District 5890 shall pay to arrange for transportation home. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 shall not assume any additional costs including the cost of any medical care or treatment, now or in the future.

       I shall be solely responsible for any and all costs and damages for any illness, injury, or other loss (including loss of consortium and emotional loss) incurred or suffered participating in, traveling to or from the grant activity, or otherwise related to the provision of the grant.

15. Scholars who engage in any type of medical practice or activity, including but not limited to routine medical procedures, surgical procedures, dental practice, and contact with infectious diseases are reminded they are solely responsible (including providing for adequate insurance) for any and all liability that may arise from their participation in this activity and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, and the sponsoring club.

16. **I do hereby release Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890, my sponsoring club, host club, host district, and their members and associates from any liability, responsibility, and obligation, either financial or otherwise, beyond providing the scholarship, and am responsible for all costs not covered by the scholarship. I do hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, and my sponsoring club from and against all claims (including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury or property damage), demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, fines, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and other legal expenses), awards and judgments asserted against or recovered from Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, and the sponsoring club arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, unlawful acts, or violations of any of the terms and conditions that apply to this scholarship. The foregoing includes, without limitation, injury or damage to the person or property of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, the sponsoring club or any third party, whether or not subject to any policy of insurance.**

17. If I, because of serious illness or injury, am unable to complete the terms of this Agreement and must return home, Rotary District 5890 shall pay for transportation home. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District shall not assume any additional costs including the cost of any medical care or treatment, now or in the future.

18.  All matters concerning transportation arrangements, language training, insurance, housing, passports, visas, inoculations, and financial readiness are my personal responsibility and not that of any individual Rotarian, Rotary club or district, Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, or Rotary District 5890.

19.  I will abide by all Rotary District 5890 decisions related to travel safety. Therefore, if Rotary District 5890 determines, in its sole discretion, at any point in the scholarship period, that my safety in the country where I am studying could be or is at risk, Rotary District 5890 may require that I return home immediately. In such instances, I agree further to abide by Rotary District 5890’s decision as to the subsequent availability of my scholarship.

20.  Any actions of mine that result in the following situations will be properly construed as sufficient grounds for revocation of my scholarship: (a) failure to complete all pre-departure requirements in a timely manner; (b) failure to keep my sponsoring club and district advised of my current mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address at all times; (c) failure to maintain good academic standing pursuant to university standards throughout the scholarship period; (d) evidence of misconduct; (e) failure to submit reports on time; (f) change in course of study or program without the written consent of Rotary District 5890; (g) withdrawal from the institution or course of study or program of training prior to the expiration of the term of the award; (h) failure to remain in the approved host district for the duration of the scholarship award; (i) deficient knowledge of the local language in the country of study; (j) failure to adequately fulfill the terms and conditions of this agreement, or other Rotary District 5890 policies; and (k) any contingency preventing me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship. My host or international district(s) may also request that my scholarship be revoked on any of the above grounds.

21. If I terminate my scholarship, or if my scholarship is terminated by Rotary District 5890, I

forfeit all rights to any additional Rotary District 5890 funding and will return any unused portion of my award.

22. I will promptly return any unused grant funds to my sponsoring club and/or Rotary District

5890.

23. Rotary District 5890 is permitted to share my name and contact details with other scholars and

Rotary districts upon request. Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, by submission of any photos in connection with my report(s), I hereby give publication rights to Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 publications, advertisements, and Web sites. I also authorize Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary District 5890 to share photos from my ﬁnal report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary.

The laws of the State of Illinois shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement. Any legal action brought by either Party against the other Party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Each Party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court.

Please confirm the following:

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|  | I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants and the above terms of agreement associated with my participation in this scholarship. |
|  | I meet the medical requirements for international travel and all grant activities during the scholarship period. |
|  | I understand that Rotary International, Rotary District 5890, and the sponsoring club do not provide any type of insurance to scholars. |
|  | I release Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5890, and the sponsoring club from any and all liability with regard to my involvement in this grant. |
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Name (please print):

Signature (mandatory):

Date: