District 6290 Global Scholar Program

STAGE ONE APPLICATION

Thank you for expressing interest in the Rotary Global Scholar (GS) Program.

To help us ascertain your eligibility to proceed to Stage Two and to ensure you fully understand the Rotary scholarship process to become a Rotary Global Scholar, please complete this Stage One Application and return it, along with a current resume and, if possible, a letter of acceptance from the university you plan to attend, to Dr. Rachel Sytsma-Reed at rachel@greatlakescfa.org as soon as possible before Monday, February 22, 2027.

☐ **Please review each statement below and check ALL that apply.**

☐ I have (1) previous work experience, volunteer experience and/or education; (2) intended graduate degree studies; AND (3) future career plans that are related to one of the Seven Areas of Focus established by Rotary International. For further guidance, download RI Areas of Focus Policy Statements.

☐ I plan to enroll in a graduate level program outside the United States, commencing in 2027 through June 30, 2028, and anticipate expending the scholarship funds within 12 months of starting studies.

☐ My study institution is in a geographic area that has a Rotary presence outside the United States. There are over 1.4 million Rotary members and 46,000 Rotary clubs within 529 Rotary districts around the world. Despite this extensive reach, there are some parts of the world that do not have a formal Rotary presence due to security, safety, or other issues. The RI District 6290 Global Scholars Committee can assist, if necessary, in making contacts.

☐ I am NOT (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; (3) the spouse, a 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 who has been in Rotary within the past three years.

☐ I currently work in, attend school in, or am a resident of District 6290. For further guidance, click here. *Students who are residents of District 6290 will receive priority consideration*.

☐ I have, or will have, sufficient funds to cover any expenses throughout my scholarship time that exceed US $30,000.

☐ I will complete an orientation and work with a designated Global Scholar Mentor to prepare for my program before traveling.

☐ I will undertake a humanitarian project related to my area of study and within one of the 7 Rotary Areas of Focus sponsored by the host Rotary club in my country of study.

☐ Throughout the period of my scholarship, I will report my experiences on a regular schedule, no less than monthly (e.g., Internet blog, email to GS Committee, video).

☐ I will complete all required reports during and after my scholarship time.

☐ I will make a presentation about my scholarship experience to at least two Rotary clubs within one year after the completion of my scholarship program.

☐ If I return to District 6290 after my scholarship, I will support the Global Scholars program; I am willing, should I be asked, to provide support by serving on the Rotary District 6290 Global Scholars Committee as a non-voting member for at least one year.

Prospective Candidate Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name: _____

Family name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY): _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐Female

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: _____

Address: _____

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(Mobile) Phone: _____

ROTARIAN CONTACT (IF YOU HAVE ONE)

Rotary Club: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Rotary International – 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

Your Global Scholar work must align with one of Rotary International's 7 Causes, or Areas of Focus. What is your Area of Focus? *(Select the one that best fits your area of study.)*

- ☐ Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- ☐ Disease Prevention and Treatment
- ☐ Wate, Sanitation and Hygiene
- ☐ Maternal and Child Health
- ☐ Basic Education and Literacy
- ☐ Community Economic Development
- ☐ Supporting the Environment

Use this space to tell us in 1-2 sentences how your graduate work/program relates to the **Rotary Area of Focus** you selected.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Provide information about the academic program you plan to attend. This your FIRST-CHOICE academic program:

Name of College/University: _____

City and Country: _____

Website: _____

Academic Program: _____

Program Start Date: _____

Have you been accepted into this program already? YES NO

If "*YES*," do you have a letter of acceptance from the school? YES NO

Please email all Stage One Application components *in one single PDF file* to Dr. Rachel Sytsma-Reed, District 6290 Global Scholar Chair, at: **rachel@greatlakescfa.org.**

Enter this information in the Subject Line: "Rotary Global Scholar "Stage One Application – [your name]."

If you have any questions, please reach out to the above email address.

The Stage One Application deadline is Monday, February 22, 2027.

The Rotary Foundation and clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships like the Global Scholars Program.

Thank you for your interest in becoming the District 6290 Global Scholar for 2027-2028.