



2023 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Rotary District 6540, comprising 57 Rotary clubs in Northern Indiana, makes available a scholarship in the amount of up to \$8,000 to the selected candidate payable directly to the USA educational institution that sponsors the candidate's Summer Study Abroad Program.

This Scholarships program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by:

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of *Service Above Self* through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home communities and countries
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

Candidates should carefully consider these program objectives before applying and explaining in their essays and how their study plans will support the goals during the interview process. For example, scholars can impact all areas of the world through the balanced geographical distribution of scholars by being flexible in their preferred study institutions. Scholars are encouraged to study in countries that host relatively few scholars, such as Japan, Korea, Scandinavia, and developing nations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and South America. Other ways of demonstrating support for the objectives include a commitment to community service or international humanitarian service and to long-term involvement with Rotary International.

Rotary seeks out students who are prepared for the challenge of serving as outstanding ambassadors of goodwill. If you receive this Scholarship, you will be expected to participate in the following activities:

- Attend any orientation programs, if any, organized by your sponsor and host Rotary districts. Failure to attend may result in the forfeiture of the award. Orientation will include training on how to develop and make presentations.
- Before departure, attend meetings of your sponsor Rotary club and Rotary events in your sponsor district as invited, and present at least one talk to a Rotary forum. If you do not reside in your sponsor district, attend Rotary club meetings and Rotary events, and present

at least one talk to a Rotary forum in your area.

- Make yourself available for and encourage media interviews at home and abroad.
- Maintain full-time academic studies with distinction, giving equal importance to the ambassadorial and academic aspects of the Scholarship.
- Be actively involved with Rotary in your host district, making at least 3 presentations to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences.
- Submit required reports to the Sponsor District 6540 Foundation describing your academic progress and Rotary activities, including completing the final report within one month after completing your scholarship period.
- Maintain communication with your sponsor and host Rotarians before, during, and after your study period. Upon completion of your studies, contact your sponsor Rotary club or club in your area of residence to offer to share your study abroad experience at Rotary club or district meetings, and participate in Foundation alumni activities. Also, seek out opportunities to participate in activities of your sponsor club and district.
- Present at least 3 talks to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences after you return home.
- Register contact information with District 6540 Alumni relations Chair (**Alan Diefenbach**, rotary@thediefenbachs.com), keeping your address, telephone number, and e-mail address updated at all times.

(Note: Sponsor refers to the Rotary Club and District 6540, or Rotarians from the District. Host refers to the Rotary Club, district, or Rotarians from the study country where the scholar is assigned to study.)

INSTRUCTIONS

Before completing this application form, if you have any questions, first go to the www.rotary6540.org website for any updates. If you do not have access to our website, please contact your local Rotary club. **You must submit this completed application form and all supplementary sheets to a Rotary club in the area of your legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment in the Rotary District 6540 region.** Please check with the local Rotary club to determine the availability of scholarships and application deadlines. You should be prepared for personal interviews at the discretion of the sponsor Rotarians at both the club and district levels.

Essays

Please prepare the following documents with your name and the name of the sponsor Rotary club in the upper right-hand corner.

1. A brief autobiography, no longer than two pages, describing:
 - Academic strengths and challenges
 - Work experience

- Volunteer activities
2. A detailed statement of intent, no longer than two pages, describing:
- Your reasons for applying for a scholarship
 - Your proposed field of study and future career plans, including an explanation of how these plans will support The Rotary Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, peace, and the Rotary objectives
 - Your reasoning used to determine your preferred study country and study institution and how it supports your goals for serving as a Rotary scholar and ambassador of goodwill
3. A list, no longer than one page, summarizing principal interests and activities, noting those in which you have held leadership positions. Indicate any training or experience in public speaking and community-service involvement.

Recommendation Forms

Applicants should complete **Section I** and have two academic instructors complete **Section II** of the Recommendation Forms on pages 7 and 10, respectively, of this application. You should inform educators completing these recommendations of the purpose of a Rotary District 6540 Study Abroad Scholarship. Educators are welcome to submit their recommendations on official letterhead.

Transcripts

Provide original transcripts from all post-secondary colleges or universities attended.

Be sure to submit a complete application to your local Rotary club. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Before completing this application, you must check with the local Rotary club to determine whether scholarships are being offered in your area for **Summer 2023** and to ensure that you can meet the District 6540 application deadlines. **Applications must be made through a local Rotary club. The deadline for the local Rotary Club to forward the application to the District Committee is December 31st, 2022. Please send the application in DIGITAL (WORD/PDF) form to the email address.**

Please type (in Roman alphabet, if possible). Do not use initials or abbreviations.

Name in Full _____

Family Name, First, Middle, and Other Names (if any) _____

Address where mail will reach you before and after your scholarship (include street address, city, state, zip code): _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail (Web-based preferred. e.g., Gmail, Yahoo, etc.) _____

Telephone (Alternate) _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____

Emergency contact Name: _____

Emergency contact relationship _____

Emergency contact Address _____

Emergency contact telephone _____ E-mail _____

Proposed field of study _____

How did you find out about this program? If anyone referred you, please indicate his/her name: _____

Educational History:

University level (Include any studies planned between now and the scholarship term; list planned or most recent studies first.)

1. Name of Institution	City/Town	State/Province	Country
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Dates Attended (Month and Year) _____

Field of Study _____

Specify Degree or Certificate Received or Expected _____

2. Name of Institution City/Town State/Province Country

Dates Attended (Month and Year) _____

Field of Study _____

Specify Degree or Certificate Received or Expected _____

3. Secondary School (Name and Location) _____

Dates Attended (Month and year) _____

4. Full-Time Employment History (List current or most recent first)

Name of employer _____

Job Title or type of work _____

From (month and year) to (month and year) _____

5. Previous Experience Abroad

Please list all countries in which you have previously lived or studied. Include any countries in which you plan to live or study after application but before the **Summer 2023 study** period. Information not included in this section that is discovered later could disqualify you as a candidate.

Province	Country	Dates	Duration (months)	Circumstances
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Restriction Based on Scholar's Previous Experience in the Requested Study Country: This Scholarship is intended to promote study in a location that is NEW to the scholar. Scholars may not select an institution that they have attended, currently attend, or will attend before the start of the scholarship study period.

STUDY INSTITUTIONS

Please read carefully before proceeding.

The scholars in selecting their study institutions worldwide, The Rotary Foundation Trustees aim for equitable geographic distribution. Applicants are expected to have thoroughly researched these institutions to determine if they offer your program of study and what funds, in addition to the Scholarship, would be required to meet costs associated with your studies. Applicants who request an institution where total costs exceed the grant amount will be responsible for covering costs beyond that amount.

Restrictions:

- Scholars should plan to begin and end during **Summer 2023** at a **USA college/university approved summer study abroad program**.
- It is the scholar's responsibility to apply directly, gain admission to the study abroad program, and meet college/university requirements regarding evidence of sufficient funding to meet any financial requirements beyond the scholarship amount. It is strongly recommended that scholars apply to their preferred program in accordance with the institution's deadlines.

Name of institution*	Website address	City, State/Province Country
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* Please type names of institutions as spelled in the native language of the institution (e.g., Universidad Complutense de Madrid, not the University of Madrid Complutense).

RECOMMENDATION FORM

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant.

Name of Applicant

Rotary club/sponsor Rotarian name and address

I ☐ waive ☐ do not waive my right to access information on the Recommendation Form.

Signature of Applicant

SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor.

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

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

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

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.

6. Additional comments:

Name: _____ Title or Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Institution: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return the completed evaluation to the Rotary club or sponsor Rotarian listed on the previous page.

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APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for a **2023 ROTARY DISTRICT 6540 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP**. 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 adopted or not adopted), 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 this Scholarship, I agree:

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the Scholarship ambassadorial responsibilities outlined on page 1 of this application as part of my mission as a Rotary ambassador of goodwill.
2. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary District 6540 to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my Scholarship.
3. That I am responsible for gaining admission into the summer study program at my listed 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 The Rotary District 6540 Foundation Committee concerning my Scholarship.
4. That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing all the institution's study abroad program requirements beyond the scholarship amount approved by the Rotary District 6540.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. That my Scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.
8. That I must advise The Rotary Foundation of District 6540 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year.
9. That the scholarship funding is for only those items currently described by the educational institution sponsoring the summer study abroad program. The amount is a grant up to the amount of **US \$8,000**. I further understand that I will need to seek alternate sources of funding if I select an institution where costs exceed this amount.
10. That my Scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without the consent of the Rotary District 6540

Foundation Committee; withdrawal from the institution before the expiration of the scholarship term; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to attend an outbound orientation; failure to follow the directions of the Rotary District 6540 Foundation Committee; failure to provide my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and the District 6540 Foundation Committee 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 the District 6540 Foundation Committee; or any contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the Scholarship. I understand that the revocation of a scholarship may make me liable for the return of payments previously provided.

11. That Rotary International, The Rotary District 6540 Foundation Committee, 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 and The Rotary District 6540 Foundation Committee assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the Scholarship.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature of Applicant and Date

ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

The Rotary Club of _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____

after consideration of _____ applicants for _____ available scholarships, proposes

Name of Applicant _____

for a **2023 ROTARY DISTRICT 6540 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP** forwards this application to the appropriate district official, as instructed. The Rotary club selection committee Did _____ Did not _____ interview this candidate.

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

Name of Sponsor Counselor (print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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

Name of President (print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE INTERVIEW REPORT

The number of clubs in the district that submitted endorsed applications for this Scholarship: ____

The total number of applications received by your district for this Scholarship: _____

The district scholarship subcommittee _____ did _____ did not interview this candidate.

1. After interviewing this candidate, what qualities and personal characteristics did the committee feel would enable him/her to be an outstanding ambassador of goodwill? In what ways did the candidate demonstrate knowledge and perception of both the sponsor and proposed host country?
2. How will selecting this candidate help further the Rotary District 6540's Scholarships program objectives?
3. Does the committee feel that he/she can carry out the study and speaking obligations in the listed study country? Why?
4. What was unique about this candidate?

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT

We certify that we have explained the following to the candidate:

That the candidate must return to the sponsor district at the end of the scholarship period at least once to present his/her experience to his/her sponsor club.

That the Scholarship provides a grant not to exceed the amount of **US\$8,000** (or its equivalent) that is meant to defray the costs to pursue study at the assigned study institution. The amount is payable to the institution in arranging the Summer Study Abroad program to defray costs such as round-trip transportation, tuition, some books and supplies, and room and board. Should a scholar request and be assigned to an institution where costs exceed US\$8,000, it will be the scholar's responsibility to pay costs above that limit.

Name of Candidate: _____

We endorse this candidate for **Summer Study Scholarship 2023** and certify that we have explained to the candidate the terms of the Scholarship outlined in previous pages. The district governor-elect has been informed of this endorsement.

Name of **District Governor** _____

Signature of District Governor _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Name of **District Foundation Chair** _____

Signature of Foundation Chair _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Name of **Scholarship Subcommittee Chair** _____

Signature of Scholarship Chair _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____