

## 2021-2022 Global Grant Scholarship Recipient Announced



Rotary International (RI) District 6270 is pleased to announce the selection of Alaina Eckert, Sussex, WI, as its Global Grant Scholarship recipient for 2021-2022.

Ms. Eckert is a graduate of Sussex Hamilton H.S. and of The University of Wisconsin—Madison. She has already begun a dual degree, Master of Science/Master of International Nature Conservation, in a cooperative program of the Georg-August Universität in Göttingen, Germany, and Lincoln University in Lincoln, New Zealand.

The practical approach of the program is to preserve the integrity of nature, in combination with the assessment of risk management and conservation strategy, and offers an invaluable experience in the education of international conservation. The four-semester program offers new perspectives to maintaining biodiversity and ecosystems that allow local communities to be resilient to future ecological changes, maintain economic stability and growth, use adaptive conservation management strategies for both the betterment of the community and the ecosystem, and preserve critical ecological systems. Thus, Ms. Eckert's program of studies aligns with RI's "Community Economic Development" Area of Focus, and it anticipates close alignment with RI's newest Area of Focus, "Protecting the Environment," which becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

The amount of the Global Grant Scholarship is U.S. \$30,000. RI District 6270 is providing \$15,000 of that amount, and The Rotary Foundation is matching it with another \$15,000. The Rotary Foundation, RI districts, and Rotary clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for graduate study through the Global Grant Scholarship program. Information about Rotary's other scholarship programs can be accessed at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships>.