

2015-16 District 7980

Service Above Self Scholarship Grant Application

You must apply for this scholarship through your local Rotary club in District 7980. You must have completed one college semester higher level at time of application. You must be either a permanent or temporary (student) resident of a community within District 7980. Local Rotary Clubs will determine the deadline for application submission. Clubs must submit applications to the District Scholarship Committee by April 24, 2015.

FAMILY NAME FIRST MIDDLE

Male Female

Address where you may be contacted before and after the proposed scholarship period:

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY/TOWN

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

TELEPHONE (ALTERNATE)

SKYPE ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Emergency contact (relationship, name, address, phone number, and e-mail):

If you have a passport:

County

Expiration Date

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES for the Service Above Self Scholarship

The purpose of the District 7980 Service Above Self Scholarship is to award individuals who demonstrate high levels of service activity along with scholarship excellence. Service includes work at local or international levels. Candidate must have completed one college semester higher level at time of application.

Though not a requirement, consideration may be given for work that enhances cultural understanding, mutual international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. This may be through programs including, but not limited to, foreign study (such as semester abroad) or intensive language (domestic or foreign programs), service (such as missions, domestic or international), other qualified cultural immersion programs. Candidates doing locally based service work are equally desired.

The Service Above Self scholarship can be for undergraduate and graduate studies and other educationally related programs as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies pursued either domestically or internationally.

A key element for consideration of candidates will be their own service history that dovetails with the Rotary mission of "Service Above Self". Secondly, these scholarships are offered to the best and brightest candidates to enhance their educational and/or vocational endeavors.

We expect these scholars to serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host districts and give presentations about their local Rotary clubs and the opportunities created by the Service Above Self Scholarship. Upon completing the scholarship (and/or and returning to their home community), the scholars will share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of Rotary's mission and the opportunities that have been created by their being chosen to receive a scholarship. The scholarship is for \$5,000.

Candidates should consider these criteria carefully before applying and be prepared to explain in their essays and during the interview process how their study plans will support the program objectives. Other ways of demonstrating support of the objectives include a commitment to community service or international humanitarian service and a commitment to long-term involvement with Rotary International.

Scholars are required to support program objectives by choosing a study field in one of the Rotary Six Areas of Focus, which will help address the humanitarian needs of the world community. These include disease prevention, child and maternal health, water and sanitation, education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic and community.

Rotary seeks out students who are prepared for the challenge of serving as outstanding ambassadors of goodwill.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION for District 7980 Scholarship Grant Applicants

I hereby apply for a District 7980 scholarship grant to be funded by The Rotary Foundation District Designated Funds (DDF). 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 by legal 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.

Scholarship recipients may not use funds for programs and payments will not be made for any expenses incurred prior to July 1, 2015 and approval from The Rotary Foundation.

If I receive a Rotary District 7980 Service Above Self Scholarship Grant, I agree;

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the ambassadorial responsibilities as part of my mission as a Rotary ambassador of goodwill.
2. To attend meetings with your sponsor and/or host Rotary club and provide updates throughout the scholarship period.
3. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary Foundation to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship.
4. That I am responsible for gaining admission at my assigned study institution and (when required) 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 Foundation Trustees concerning my scholarship.
5. All foreign travel arrangements must be made through the Rotary International Travel Service (RITS) unless approved by RITS and the District 7980 Grants Chair.
6. That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing my pre-departure requirements, including any application or visa fees, any required exam fees, and securing appropriate insurance coverage.
7. 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 be permitted to be accompanied by a non-married companion.
8. 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.
9. To provide a written report to the Scholarship Chair within 30 days of completion of the scholarship period.
10. For Academic-Year Scholars:
 - a. That my scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.
 - b. To advise District 7980 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year.
8. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an educational program approved by The District 7980 scholarship committee; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of The Rotary Foundation; withdrawal from institution prior to expiration of the scholarship term; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to follow the directions of The District 7980 scholarship committee; or any contingency which 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.

9. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs, districts 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 Foundation assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.
10. That the scholarship (\$5,000) will be paid directly to the school or other education institution or program as indicated in the application unless other payment arrangements are approved by the District 7980 Grants Chair.

Name of Applicant

Signature

Date

STOP! Before submitting your application to your local Rotary club, please be sure you have the following completed:

1. Application
2. Certification
3. Essays*
4. Transcripts
5. Club Endorsement
6. Academic Recommendation
7. Community Service Recommendation

*ESSAYS

Please prepare the following documents. Each page should include 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 and/or vocational strengths and challenges
 - Community and International Service Projects
 - Related work experience and/or career aspirations

2. A one page answer to:

How have you integrated/will you integrate "Service Above Self" in your school, work and personal activities?