



ROTARY GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

What are Global Scholarships?

Global grant scholarships, funded by The Rotary Foundation, fund international post graduate coursework or research for one to four academic years. A key feature of global grants is the partnership between the district or club in the study location (*host sponsor*) and the district or club in the scholar's home country (*international sponsor*).

Global grant scholars must be planning to pursue a career in an area of focus, and their graduate-level educational goals should support this career interest. Pursuing a career in an area of focus means the scholar has a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change. A candidate's previous work or volunteer experience, academic programme and career plans must be strongly aligned with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Eligible candidates should be demonstrating the following traits:

- Excellent leadership skills and potential
- A proven record of success in his or her academic field or vocation
- A commitment to community service
- Well-defined and realistic goals
- Concrete ideas for advancing within his or her chosen field
- Sincerity about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period

Host Rotary Club/District Partner

The host Rotary Club is the primary point of contact for the scholar in the host country. The host sponsor primary contact, listed in the grant application, is assumed to be the host counsellor unless a different person is identified. The scholar should be encouraged to introduce him/herself to the host counsellor and to begin corresponding.

The host counsellor can assist with:

- Locating housing, particularly if university housing is not available
- Arranging a welcome for the scholar

- Inviting the scholar to club meetings or district conferences
- Encouraging the scholar to participate in local service activities or cultural events
- Providing practical assistance with things like opening a bank account and finding a nearby grocery store
- Managing grant funds
- Publicising the scholar's activities through the district's newsletter
- Making Rotarians aware of the scholar's availability for speaking engagements

At the end of the scholarship period, the host counsellor should meet with the scholar to see that all necessary closing tasks have been completed (for example, housing and bank accounts). The host counsellor should also maintain communication with the scholar and ensure that his or her contact information is updated. The host counsellor should maintain frequent communication with the scholar and provide opportunities for him or her to be involved in Rotary activities.

Reporting

The host and international sponsors are both responsible for reporting on the use of scholarship funds. Progress reports must be submitted within 12 months of receiving the first grant payment. Final reports must be submitted within two months after the end of the scholarship period. Either the host or international sponsor must initiate the report in the online grant system. The sponsors and the scholar complete the appropriate portions of the report.

Post-Scholarship

Although the scholarship period ends, the Rotary-scholar relationship should not. The scholar should be encouraged to join an area of focus-specific Rotary scholars group on Facebook.