

Introduction

Scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and while studying abroad they give presentations about their homeland to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share their experiences with local Rotarians and others leading to a greater understanding of their host countries.

A unique benefit of this scholarship program is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned both a sponsor and a host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation, advice and assistance.

Examples of outstanding Rotary Global Grant Scholar alumni include: Bill Moyers, a prominent U.S. journalist, Sadako Ogata, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Carlos Alberto Da Mota Pinto, former Prime Minister of Portugal, Otto Borch, Danish Ambassador to the U.S., and Roger Ebert, a popular U.S. film critic.

Terms of the District 5320 Global Grant Scholarship

- The Rotary District 5320 Global Grant Scholarship is offered on a competitive basis for one academic year (typically nine months) at the graduate level at a University outside the United States. The grant is in the amount of US \$30,000.
- Rotary's Global Grant Scholars are individuals who are pursuing a career in one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus. Their graduate-level educational goals should support this career interest in one of the following areas:
 - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
 - Disease Prevention and Treatment
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Basic Education and Literacy
 - Economic and Community Development
 - Protecting the Environment
- Scholarships are supported by local Rotarian contributions to The Rotary Foundation and are funded by available District Designated Funds and a matching Rotary Foundation Global Grant. As a result, the number of scholarships available in any Rotary year is limited. The grant is intended to defray costs of travel, required fees for courses, room and board and educational supplies.
- Prospective scholars must apply through a local Rotary club and/or through District Scholarship Chairs.

Eligibility and Conditions

- The candidate must be proficient in the native language of the host country.
- The candidate's program of study must be at the graduate level
- The scholar will travel abroad for study
- The scholarship is for a term of one academic year.
- The applicant must be accepted for study at their chosen University.
- Applicants must apply through a Rotary club at a location of their legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time employment or study.
- The following persons are ineligible: a Rotarian; an employee of a club, or Rotary entity; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adopted or not adopted), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

The Application Process and Timeline

Stage	Timeline	Activity
1	September – December	<p>Candidate Recruiting</p> <p>Rotary clubs and the District Global Grant Scholarship committee begin publicizing the opportunity on college campuses within the District. Interested students should contact a local Rotary club or the person/s in charge for the District for assistance with the application process.</p>
2	January	<p>Rotary Club Selection</p> <p>Applicant begins preparing application and participating with local Rotary Club for its evaluation and endorsement of the applicant.</p>
3	February	<p>District Interviews</p> <p>The District Global Grant Scholarship committee will interview the candidates, interviewed and endorsed by a Rotary Club and select scholars for the following academic year.</p>
4	March	<p>Rotary Foundation Funding</p> <p>The District Committee forwards the selected scholar's grant application materials to The Rotary Foundation and applies for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to fund the scholar's study abroad.</p> <p>The selected scholar receives and completes the final application online. The Letter of Acceptance from the University is necessary in order to complete the final application.</p>
5	March – June	<p>Final approval by The Rotary Foundation</p> <p>The Rotary Foundation sends a formal approval and the scholar/s is/are notified.</p>
6	June – August	<p>Scholar orientation and travel preparations</p>

NOTE:

- Candidates submit an application for review by District 5320 prior to being submitted for acceptance by Rotary International
- Final report and receipts for expenses must be submitted by scholar within two months of the end of the scholarship.