

**DISTRICT 6420
AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL SCHOLARSHIPS
AND ROTARY FOUNDATION
WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS
FACT SHEET**

A. District Grant Ambassador of Goodwill Scholarships

Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity

- Up to \$25,000 college scholarship for one full academic year abroad
- To live, study and travel in another culture for your third, fourth or fifth year of college or during graduate school
- Represent Rotary International, the United States of America, the State of Illinois, Rotary District 6420, your home town and your family as an active Ambassador of Goodwill
- Establish lifelong friendships and global networking relationships
- This is a very big deal; international ambassadors and other world leaders have gone through this program

Overview

- This is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program
- Begun in 1947, nearly 40,000 college students have participated worldwide
- From almost 70 countries to over 70 countries
- 600 to 800 students annually

Purpose

- Increase awareness of and respect for cultural differences by living in another country
- Instill the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in service projects
- Encourage scholars to dedicate their lives to improving the quality of life for others
- Develop leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impact all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Foster a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

Funding

- Entirely funded through local District Rotarian Member contributions to the Foundation
- We pay for our outbound scholars ourselves through a District Grant; maximum of one per year
- Every Club in District 6420 has an investment in this program
- Every Club in District 6420 should be looking for candidates for this very prestigious and lucrative scholarship

Eligibility

- Candidates must have legal residence within District 6420; students attending college in District 6420 but with legal residences elsewhere should apply through their home District
- First-year college students apply for their junior year abroad; upper classmen apply for graduate study abroad
- The scholarship process takes a year-and-a-half (Spring – Clubs screen and select a candidate, July – District selects scholarship winners, December – District 6420 announces winners and university match-ups, the following Fall/Winter – scholars go abroad)
- No means testing; financial need is NOT a requirement
- The following are not eligible for this scholarship:
 - x Rotarians and direct line descendants of Rotarians, including step-children and spouses (within past three years)
 - x No university sponsored study abroad programs
 - x If a candidate has attended school or lived in a country for more than a brief vacation period he cannot be assigned to that country

Personal Qualifications

- People to be proud of – you know who these students are
- Outgoing, enthusiastic, confident, personable, sensitive, sensible, mature, well mannered, well groomed, well dressed, well spoken, unselfish, adaptable, flexible, diplomatic
- Academically strong enough to handle a full course load in another culture in another language
- Comfortable with public speaking
- A natural leader
- Proficient in the language(s) of the country(ies) to which he is applying
- Committed to overseas study; candidates strongly interested in second or third world destinations will be given special consideration
- Eager to accept assignment to any university consistent with his academic goals, even if not one of the preferences listed on his application (five schools must be listed with a maximum of one per city and two per country)

Personal Qualifications (continued)

- That special personal quality – winners at the District level are selected in a head-to-head competition based on a 45 minute personal interview by a panel of about 15 Rotarians; most District candidates are quite outstanding young people; the selection often is determined by a special, difficult to define personal quality that sets that person apart from the others

Program Requirements

- Outbound training and orientation
- Speaking at the sponsoring Club
- Gaining acceptance to the assigned university
- Accomplishing all pre-travel checklist items in a timely manner
- Active participation in the host Rotary Club and District activities
- Active participation in volunteer service work while abroad
- Speaking at Rotary Clubs, District events and civic organizations while abroad
- Successful completion of a full time student course load consistent with the student's academic program
- Timely reports on personal and academic progress while abroad
- No trips home are permitted, even if paid for personally
- Speaking at Rotary Clubs, District events and civic organizations after return home

How Do We Get Applicants?

- Press releases in local newspapers (example attached)
- Club member referrals from work, church, etc.
- High school counselors, teachers, principals, superintendents and language clubs
- Local community colleges and universities
- It is best to designate a "champion" for this program in each Club; knowledge and commitment build over time; past presidents and educators make good choices

This Year's Timeline – (2013-2014 Scholarship Year)

- District interviews at Sterling on Saturday, July 28, 2012; parent(s) may drive the candidate if they wish, however, lunch will be at their own expense; candidate presence at this interview is mandatory
- Briefing luncheon for candidates and sponsors who have been approved by sponsoring Clubs in Rockford on Thursday, July 26, 2012 (attendance is optional, but is strongly recommended)

This Year's Timeline – (2013-2014 Scholarship Year) (continued)

- Totally completed applications must be in the District Subcommittee Chair's hands by Friday, June 29, 2012 (June 15, 2012 is strongly suggested in case any necessary information is either missing or needs to be resubmitted in order to meet Rotary requirements)
- Application deadline to the sponsoring Club is at each Club's discretion, however, Friday, May 18, 2012, is recommended as a target date
- Club interviews of all candidates are required but may be in person or by telephone at the Club's discretion (personal interviews should be conducted unless logistically difficult)
- One candidate per Club may be sent for District consideration unless approval for two candidates is obtained in advance from either the District Governor or the Subcommittee Chair
- Briefing District candidates on Rotary history, mission and goals is recommended, but preparing a candidate for specific types of District interview questions would be inappropriate

Materials

- Applications for 2013-2014 should be downloaded from www.rotary.org.

B. Global Grant Ambassadorial Scholarship Opportunities Are Now Also Available

- Traditional scholarship modified as noted below
- Masters level candidates only
- \$30,000 1 to 2 year program abroad
- 50% funded by District 6420; 50% funded by The Rotary Foundation (Global Grant) up to two per year
- Demonstrated history, current activity and future commitment to community service; interest in second and third world cultures is especially desirable
- Formal volunteer project while abroad is mandatory
- Study location will be in another Rotary Pilot District
- Area of study and professional goals must further at least one of the following Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:
 - Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and sanitation
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development
- Use the same application and procedure as for the regular District Grant Ambassador of Goodwill scholarship

C. World Peace Fellowship Program

- Same underlying requirements as for the traditional District Grant Ambassador of Goodwill scholarship
- This program is for a Master's degree in World Peace and Conflict Resolution only
- 100% funded by The Rotary Foundation
- Destinations limited to four Rotary approved universities in England, Australia, Japan and Argentina
- Proficiency in at least one foreign language is required
- Program lasts 15 to 18 months, including an internship, if available
- "Hands On" experience, either paid or volunteer, of at least three years in the field of world peace or conflict resolution is required
- An appropriate bachelor's degree with strong academic performance is required
- A career commitment to this field, either academic or professional, and a lifelong relationship with Rotary is necessary for consideration.
- Deadline for completed application to District Scholarships Subcommittee Chair for 2013-2015 Fellowship year is April 13, 2012 and the District interview is April 28, 2012 at the District Conference.
- Application is available online at www.rotary.org

Contact

- This year's Scholarships Subcommittee Chair is George Bass in the Rockford Rotary Club
- Please feel free to contact George regarding any aspect of these important Rotary programs; E-mail is best, if possible
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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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E X A M P L E**SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO \$25,000 AVAILABLE FROM ROTARY**

Hometown, IL --- Application for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, up to \$25,000 each, are available from the Rotary Club of _____. **Applicants should be college freshmen who plan to study abroad their junior year or upperclassmen who want to complete a year of graduate study overseas.** This scholarship is for students whose families live in the _____ area. The deadline for applications is May 18, 2012.

Ambassadorial Scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014 are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, some educational supplies and “brush-up” language training (if necessary) up to a maximum of \$25,000.

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad in more than 160 countries where Rotary Clubs are located. During their studies abroad, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars act as “Ambassadors of Goodwill”. Through appearances before Rotary Clubs and Districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the students represent the United States and work to further international understanding.

For more information please contact _____, Scholarships Committee Chair, at _____. The application for 2013-2014 can be downloaded at www.rotary.org.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the world’s largest privately sponsored international scholarship program. Focused on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy, and academic excellence, the program has sponsored nearly 40,000 Rotary Scholars since it began in 1947.

Contact: _____, Scholarships Committee Chair, (phone number) _____