



The Rotary Foundation is currently one of the world's largest, private sponsors of university-level international scholarships. Contact the Rotary club in your area for application materials and deadlines.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

US\$26,000 awarded for one academic year of study abroad

- Support approximately 600 students studying abroad annually
- Introduce scholars to the cultures of over 70 different countries
- Send scholars from almost 70 different countries
- Have created a worldwide network of over 40,000 alumni
- Have empowered students to improve international understanding for over half a century



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Ambassadorial Scholarships

An international education program for ambassadors of goodwill



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The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the vision of The Rotary Foundation to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by:

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home communities and countries
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Encouraging Rotarians worldwide to increase the educational opportunities for scholars from low-income countries
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

ROTARIAN COUNSELORS

A unique benefit of Rotary scholarships is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned a sponsor and host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation and advice in preparing for and completing a successful study period in another country.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Applicants must initially apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The following persons are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship:

A Rotarian; an honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adopted or not adopted), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

ACADEMIC-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is for one regular academic year (usually nine months) of full-time study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Because the scholarship is limited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees or diplomas during the study period. The scholarship may also be used for vocational training.

What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship provides a flat grant of US\$26,000. Funding is intended to defray costs associated with round-trip transportation, one month of intensive language training (if assigned by the Foundation), required fees for a normal course load, room and board, and educational supplies. The Foundation will not pay additional costs resulting from personal living preferences. Refer to the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the award amount for a specific program year. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where costs exceed the flat grant amount must pay all additional costs.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Refer to *Ambassadorial Scholarships Application* (139-EN) or RI Web site, www.rotary.org, for the terms of the scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The availability of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is determined by each Rotary district and varies from year to year. Some districts may not offer scholarships. Applicants must contact a local Rotary club to

- Determine if funding for a scholarship is available
- Inquire about local application deadlines

Applications may be obtained directly from the Foundation or RI Web site at www.rotary.org if the applicant has confirmed scholarship availability with the local Rotary club.

Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and district-endorsed applications will be forwarded to the Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. The Foundation directly notifies all candidates of approved scholarships and assignments. Applications sent directly to the Foundation without club and district endorsements will not be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March or as late as August of the year preceding study abroad. For example, an applicant interested in studying abroad starting after 1 July 2011 but before 30 June 2012 should submit an application to a local club between March and August 2010. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will normally be notified of their study institution assignments by 15 December of the same year they apply.

