

# **Rotary Global Grant Scholarship**

Rotary District 6170 – Arkansas

**Purpose** The purpose of the Rotary Global Grant is to help graduate students study abroad in one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus and to promote international understanding. Scholars not only attend seminars at the university where they are accepted, but also act as ambassadors of goodwill to the people in the host country. Scholars are expected to attend and participate in Rotary functions as well as deliver presentations about Arkansas, their hometown and/or college town, and Rotary District 6170. After the scholar returns home, he/she is expected to share the study abroad experience with local Rotarians and others.

**Rotary's Six Areas of Focus** Global Grant Scholars are students who are pursuing graduate degrees or a career in one of the following areas:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Water and Sanitation
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

**Funding** The Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary District 6170 is a minimum of \$30,000 USD and a maximum of \$45,000 USD for one academic year (this is typically 9 months) of study at the graduate level at a university located outside of the United States of America for US citizens or to a university located inside Rotary District 6170 for foreign students. Up to two (2) scholarships may be awarded in one academic year. In certain cases, a scholarship may be renewed for one additional year of study. Rotary District 6170 is pleased to be able to offer Rotary Global Grant Scholarships due to the support of local Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to a generous donation from Mary Doyle, a woman who lived in D-6170 and bequeathed money to TRF in support of scholarships. The grant scholarship is intended to defray costs of travel, required university fees for admission and coursework, educational supplies associated with graduate study, room and board.

**Eligibility** (a) Open to students wishing to pursue graduate courses or a graduate degree in or related to one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus (above); (b) a student who attends a university in District 6170 **OR** a student who has a

permanent address is in District 6170 (i.e., address of one or more parents or guardians – see map below); (c) a student from a foreign country wishing to attend a university in District 6170 (d) Proficient in the native language of the host country **OR** language of instruction at the host university; (e) Candidate must be accepted by their host university by April 2019; (f) Applicants must apply through the centralized District 6170 address (see below) and then a Rotary club will be contacted in or near the place of their permanent residence connected to District 6170 **OR** place of their current university study to act as a sponsoring club during the process if in a different District.

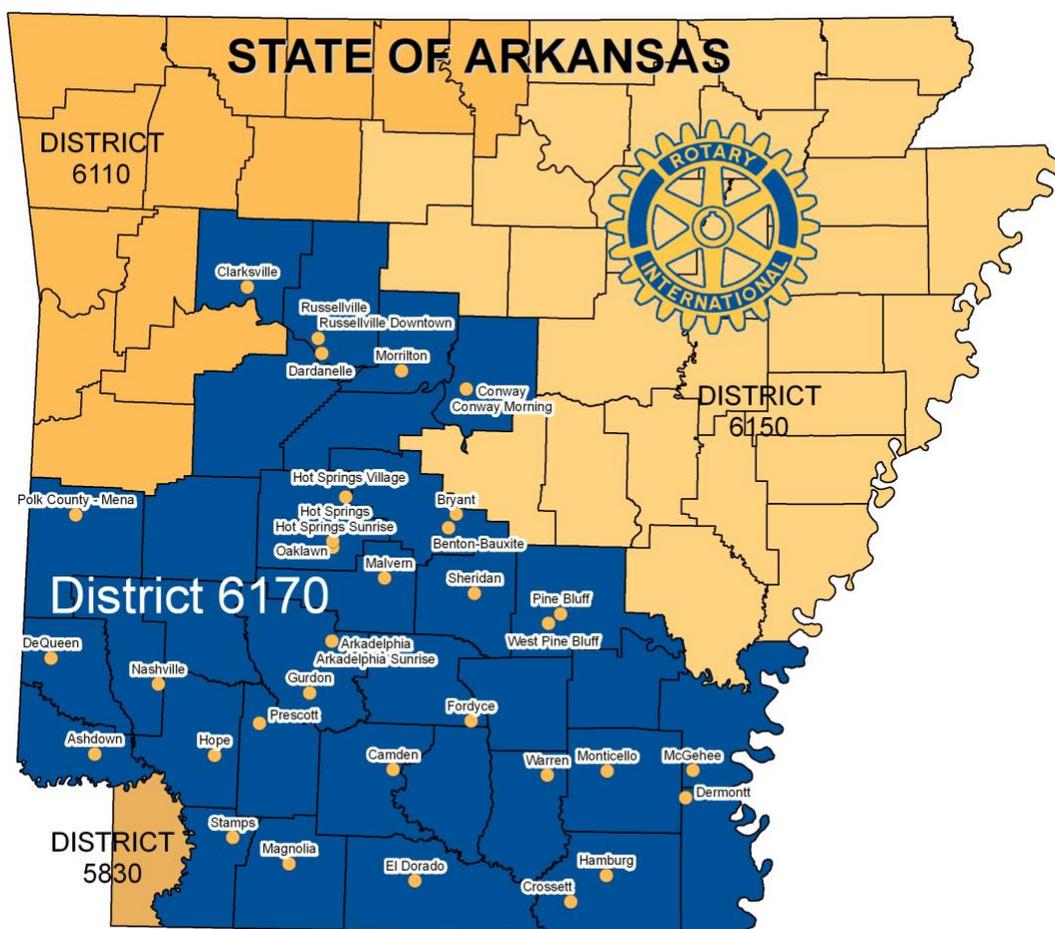
The following persons are ineligible to apply: a Rotarian; a spouse of a Rotarian; a lineal descendant of a Rotarian (i.e., children or grandchildren).

### **Application Timeline**

- Scholarship announcement to Rotary clubs and graduate programs at universities in District 6170 in **August/September 2018**.
- Rotary Global Grant Scholarship candidate recruiting from **September 2018 through January 2019**.
- Applications due (postmarked) by **01 February 2019**.
- Global Scholarship Committee reviews applications and selected applicants will need to update their applications for approval by The Rotary Foundation in **February 2019**.
- In **March 2019** the Global Grant Scholarship Committee will interview the candidates who have been endorsed by their local Rotary club in District 6170.
- During **April/May** the Global Grant Scholarship Committee forwards the applications of the selected scholar(s) to The Rotary Foundation and applies for a TRF Global Grant to fund the study abroad opportunity.
- In **May** the selected scholar(s) finalize the application online. Note: at this point the scholar(s) must have received a letter of acceptance from the university of choice and provide this as part of the materials submitted to TRF as part of the Global Grant application.

- **May/June** final approval by The Rotary Foundation and notification sent to District 6170 and the scholar(s).
- **June – August 2019** – scholar orientation and travel preparations
- **September 2019** (or depending on when the target university term begins) – graduate studies commence.
- **Fall 2019 – Spring 2020** – scholar attends courses or seminars, participates in the local community, makes presentations to local Rotary clubs, keeps in touch regularly with host Rotarian counselor and tracks all expenses with receipts.
- **May 2020** (or thereabouts) – graduate studies conclude at foreign university. Scholar must submit receipts for expenses within two months (60 days) of the end of the scholarship.

**MAP OF DISTRICT 6170**  
(eligible counties shaded in blue)



## **To Begin the Application Process:**

Potential candidates should mail:

- a cover letter that (a) introduces yourself, (b) identifies where your permanent address is and/or where you attend university, (c) indicates your level of university education (e.g., senior wishing to pursue graduate study **or** current graduate student), (d) addresses your ability to communicate in the target language of the country or the university where you wish to study, and (e) contains a statement attesting you are not a Rotarian, the spouse of Rotarian, nor the lineal descendant of a Rotarian. Please be sure to include current contact information somewhere in the letter: address, Email, & phone numbers.

- a statement of purpose that specifically indicates your current area(s) of study and what you would like to study in the future. This statement should also include why studying at a particular university or in a particular country would be beneficial to your educational and/or professional goals.
- a letter of support from a professor, department head, or dean in your area of study who is familiar with your educational background and goals.

Contact Point:

Rotary Global Scholarship Committee  
Rotary District 6170  
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Benton, AR 72019

Questions (not materials) may be Emailed to: [eenhelm@rocketmail.com](mailto:eenhelm@rocketmail.com)