**Rotary District 6220**

**GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP 2024-2025**

**ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Rotary District 6220 Global Scholar Program provides **$30,000 scholarship** awards for graduate studies (not a doctorate) at a qualified college/university that directly relates to at least one of The Rotary Foundation’s Areas of Focus (see below).

* For U.S. citizens, the graduate program must be outside of the USA.
* For international citizens (i.e., for those who do not have U.S. citizenship or a green card or are not in the process of applying for U.S. citizenship), the graduate program must be outside of their native country.

Scholars must commence studies no earlier than the beginning of the academic year in the **fall of 2024** and expend the scholarship funds by no later than **December 31, 2025**.

Eligible applicants will have a demonstrated record of high academic achievement; a reasonable level of proficiency in the language of the region of study; 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 their chosen field; and, sincerity about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period.

**REQUIRED AREAS OF FOCUS**

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) focuses its programs on seven global priorities that are most relevant to Rotarians. To be eligible for a Rotary District 6220 Global Grant Scholarship, applicants must have a background, intent to study, and future career plans in at least one of the Areas of Focus below. Pursuing a career in an Area of Focus means the scholar has a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change in that area.



**See** Rotary International Areas of Focus Policy Statement—Elements of Successful Scholarships **[attachment 2.0] for important information and criteria about the seven Areas of Focus.**

**SCHOLARSHIP PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Eligible candidates must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

* Has (1) previous work experience, volunteer experience and/or education; (2) intended graduate degree studies; AND (3) future career plans that are related to one of the seven Areas of Focus established by Rotary International.
* Plans to enroll in a graduate (not doctorate) level program commencing no earlier than the beginning of the academic year in the fall of 2024 and commits to expending the awarded funds by December 31, 2025.
* Plans to study at an institution located in a geographic area that has a Rotary presence. (There are 34,000 Rotary clubs within 530 Rotary districts around the world. Despite this extensive reach, there are some parts of the world that do not have a formal Rotary presence due to security, safety or other issues. To find Rotary locations, see the Rotary Club Finder website). **[****https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder****]**
* Is NOT (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; (3) the spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or stepchild legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person who has been in the foregoing two categories within the past three years.
* Currently works in, attends school in, is a resident of, or has a permanent mailing address within District 6220 (which spans northeastern Wisconsin and all but the eastern two counties of the upper peninsula of Michigan). Please refer to the District 6220 Area Map. **[attachment 5.0]**
* Has, or will have, sufficient funds to cover any expenses throughout the scholarship time that exceed US $30,000.
* Commits to participating in a humanitarian project sponsored by the host Rotary club in the study region.
* Will attend an orientation and work with a designated Global Grant Scholar mentor to prepare for the program before traveling.
* Agrees to report experiences bi-weekly on an internet blog/platform throughout the scholarship period.
* Agrees to complete all required reports during and after the scholarship time.
* Agrees to make a presentation about the scholarship experience to at least 2 Rotary clubs within 1 year after the completion of the scholarship program.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NEXT STEPS**

1. Fill out the 2024-2025 GGS Pre-qualification Application **[attachment 3.0]** to complete the first step of the application process.
2. Applicants who meet the necessary pre-qualifications will be notified and sent a “**Full Application**” to be completed.
3. One or more “Finalists” will be selected and invited for an in-person or virtual interview (see Timetable link below)
4. The chosen scholar must provide proof of admission to an eligible university program.

[NOTE: The award of Global Grant Scholarship is subject to final approval by the Rotary International Foundation.]

**TIMETABLE**

2024-2025 GGS Selection Timetable **[attachment 4.0]**

**BUDGET**

**The following items are eligible for scholarship funding:**

* Passport/visa
* Inoculations
* Travel expenses (as specified in the grant terms and conditions)
* Travel Insurance
* School supplies
* Tuition (including required health insurance)
* Room and board
* Household supplies
* Language training courses (but not if university admission is contingent on improvement of language skills)
* Local transportation expenses

**The following items are not eligible for scholarship funding:**

* Expenses incurred before the application is approved
* Furniture
* Vehicle related expenses
* Expenses for spouses and dependents
* Housing expenses in the home country during the scholarship period
* Taxes owed as a result of receiving the scholarship
* Medical care
* Entertainment
* Personal travel
* Expenses related to Rotary events
* **Note:** Most personal and miscellaneous expenses are not covered by the scholarship funding.

**For international citizen scholarship applicants:**

Under U.S. tax law, The Rotary Foundation must withhold tax from Global Grant Scholarships awarded for study in the U.S. on any expenses beyond tuition, books, necessary equipment, and fees. Therefore, effective January 1, 2017, withholding tax will be deducted from scholarship payments on eligible expenses other than those noted above. **Exception:** this change does not apply to U.S.-bound scholars from Japan, Canada, and Germany, who are funded through associate foundations in those countries.

**ORIENTATION**

Scholars are required to participate in an outbound orientation session before departure. Two options are available, although the first is preferred: Regional, district, or club orientation; or, online self-orientation (via the Rotary International Learning Center).

**TRAVEL**

The scholar will make travel arrangements through BCD Travel, Rotary’s travel partner. By booking through BCD Travel, scholars automatically receive insurance coverage that meets Rotary International’s requirements. This insurance will be in effect for the duration of the study term. Scholars may choose to purchase additional insurance coverage, but it will not be paid for by the grant.

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**IMPORTANT GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**Key Documents** (links):

* Global Grant Scholarship—Eligibility Requirements **[attachment 1.1]**
* Rotary International Areas of Focus Policy Statement—Elements of Successful Scholarships **[attachment 2.0]**
* Rotary International Areas of Focus Policy Statements—complete **[attachment 2.1]**
* 2024 -2025 GGS Pre-qualification Application **[attachment 3.0]**
* 2024-2025 GGS Selection Timetable **[attachment 4.0]**
* District 6220 Area Map—Wisconsin **[attachment 5.0]**
* District 6220 Area Map—Wisconsin **[attachment 5.1]**
* District 6220 Area Map—Michigan Upper Peninsula **[attachment 5.2]**
* 2024 -2025 GGS Promotion Flier **[attachment 6.1]**
* 2024 -2025 GGS Announcement **[attachment 7.1]**

**Key References** (links):

* Previous Ambassadorial Scholars Listing **[attachment 8.1]**
* Previous AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR Testimonials **[attachment 9.1]**
* Previous & Current GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR Updates **[attachment 10.1]**