

OVERVIEW: DISTRICT 6580 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for a Rotary District 6580 (Southern Indiana) Global Grant Scholarship for graduate study at a university outside North America, starting with the 2018-19 academic year. The scholarship is for a total of \$40,000 over one to four years.

To be eligible for a Global Grant Scholarship, candidates must:

- Have residency in District 6580 (Southern Indiana) at a four-year college in the district or a legal residence in the district
- Present a plan of study and a career commitment that align with one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus (see below)
- Be endorsed by a Rotary Club in District 6580
- Provide a Letter of Acceptance (or a Letter of Affiliation) from the university where the scholar's study will take place.

Purpose

Rotary's Global Grant Scholarship program supports exceptional students dedicated to pursuing a career in an area of great humanitarian need and who demonstrate a personal, long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change.

While studying abroad, Global Scholars will make presentations to Rotary Clubs and other groups about Rotary, Indiana, and the United States. Upon returning home, scholars will share their experiences with Rotarians in District 6580.

Terms

The Rotary District 6580 Global Grant Scholarship is offered on a competitive basis for graduate level study at a university outside North America. The \$40,000 scholarship will help pay the costs of travel, tuition and fees, room and board, and educational supplies for one to four years, starting with the 2018-19 academic year. Expenditures must be documented.

Rotary's Areas of Focus

Rotary's Global Scholars are individuals who intend to pursue a career that aligns with one of Rotary's Six Areas of Humanitarian Focus. Educational goals and long-term professional plans must address one of the following areas. Detailed descriptions of the Areas of Focus can be found at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes>

Source of Funding

Global Scholarships are funded by District Designated Funds and a matching Rotary Foundation Global Grant. As a result, the number of scholarships available in any year is limited. One scholarship for a total of \$40,000 is available over one to four years. Prospective



Peace and conflict prevention/resolution



Disease prevention and treatment



Water and sanitation



Maternal and child health



Basic education and literacy



Economic and community development

scholars must apply through and be endorsed by a local Rotary Club. See list of District 6580 (Southern Indiana) clubs on the district website:

[District 6580 Rotary Clubs and meeting information](#)

Global Grant Scholar Qualities – A successful applicant:

- Possesses excellent leadership skills and potential
- Has a proven record of success in his/her academic field or vocation
- Demonstrates a personal commitment to community service
- Has well defined and realistic educational and career goals
- Has concrete ideas as to how he/she will advance in his/her chosen career
- Is sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship year

Eligibility and Conditions

- The candidate's program of study must be at graduate level
- The candidate's program of study must be at an institution of higher education outside North America
- The scholarship is for a total of \$40,000 over one to four years, starting with the 2018-19 academic year
- The candidate must be accepted for study at his/her chosen university
- The candidate must be proficient in the native language of the host country
- Applicants must apply through a Rotary club at a location of their legal or permanent residence
- The following persons are not eligible: Rotarians; employees of a Rotary Club; spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood or adopted or not adopted), spouses of a lineal descendant, or ancestors (parents or grandparents) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

The Application Process

- Application is submitted to a local Rotary Club in District 6580. The Club will interview the applicant, complete a Club Endorsement form, and forward the application to the District's Scholarship Committee.
- Deadline for submitting an application to the District Scholarship Committee is Sunday, December 31, 2017. Rotary clubs should forward application material and a signed Club Endorsement form to Jim Bright, Chair of the District 6580 Scholarship Committee (jbright48167@yahoo.com).
- On Saturday, January 27, 2018, the District Scholarship Committee will interview finalist Global Scholarship candidates and select one scholar to be nominated to The Rotary Foundation for a final decision. To be considered, applicants must attend an interview at the Indiana University Memorial Union in Bloomington on January 27, 2018.
- Applications must be submitted to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) three months or more before overseas studies begin. This provides adequate time for TRF review and processing.
- The Rotary Foundation notifies the scholar of its decision.
- Scholar must complete an outbound orientation session before leaving home to begin overseas studies.

Items required when application is submitted to Scholarship Committee by December 31, 2017

- Proposed field of study in one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus
- Estimated budget
- Signed District 6580 Club Endorsement Form

- Information regarding:
 - The scholar's program of study and degree
 - The educational and professional goals of the scholar
 - 1-2 pages of biographical information
 - Three letters of Recommendation
 - Letter of Acceptance (or Letter of Affiliation) from overseas university of candidate's choice

Items required when application is submitted to The Rotary Foundation (late January 2018)

- Letter of Acceptance from scholar's selected university
- Foreign language proficiency exam results
- Agreement by grant certified Rotary Club/District in city of scholar's selected university to serve as scholar's host
- Detailed budget

Documents located on website:

- Process for Selecting District 6580's Global Scholars
- Global Grant Scholarship Application
- Club Endorsement form
- Rotary International's Six Area of Humanitarian Focus
- District 6580 Clubs
- District 6580 Global Grant Scholarships & World Peace Fellowships

Contact

For more information about the Rotary District 6580 Global Scholarship, contact Jim Bright, Chair of the District 6580 Scholarship Committee (jbright48167@yahoo.com).