



Rotary International & Rotary District 6910 Global Grants Scholarship Information

For Study Commencing 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

INTRODUCTION

The Global Grants Scholarship builds on the very best of Rotary's history while expanding opportunities and simplifying rules, in order to make funding education easier than ever. The opportunity in District 6910 is to identify qualified candidates for a Global Grants Scholarship. The purpose of the Global Grants Scholarship is to forge a link between Rotary and the development of skilled professionals aligned with one of the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. The Rotary Foundation & Rotary District 6910 are prepared to offer 1 Global Grants Scholarship for a qualified student who will start their studies sometime between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. The Scholarship funding amount is \$30,000 (\$15,000 of which comes from D6910 and \$15,000 from the Rotary Foundation). We seek to identify candidates who:

- Possess excellent leadership skills and potential
- Have a proven record of success in their academic field and/or vocation
- Have demonstrated a personal commitment to community service
- Have well defined and realistic goals
- Have concrete ideas as to how to make academic advances within career field
- Are sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship year

What a perfect way to build relationships with and encourage a new generation of talent. What a perfect way to build strong relationships with local universities, colleges, businesses and other organizations in our communities that represent excellent sources of qualified candidates. What an excellent investment of our Rotary Foundation dollars!

On behalf of the District 6910 Scholarship Committee I invite your participation in our search for qualified candidates.

Please call me to help with your promotion of this opportunity.

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ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 6910 & HOST DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY

A District 6910 Rotary Club must be a Foundation Qualified Club to nominate a candidate for the Scholarship.

A Host sponsoring District must also be Qualified. A host sponsoring District is where the scholar would be studying.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Global grant scholars are individuals who plan to study abroad for one or more years, beginning July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and are pursuing a career in one of the following six 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

It is important to ensure that candidates are aware of The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus and are clear on how they will pursue their studies and future professional endeavors with the areas and goals in mind. For example, a prospective MBA candidate who wishes to pursue a career in the financial markets doesn't fit within the economic and community development area of focus, even though it relates to finance. But a prospective MBA candidate who wishes to pursue a career in microcredit or with a nongovernmental organization might be a good fit. Rotarians and prospective candidates are encouraged to study "*The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus*" goal chart as a basis for identifying qualifying candidates.

If you are uncertain as to the eligibility of a candidate's study programs or career goals, contact the Committee Chair, Al Hombroek al@multiplebenefits.com 770-963-1011.

Specific eligibility requirements and conditions for global grants include:

- The candidate's program of study must be at the graduate level.
- The scholar must be traveling abroad for study.
- The scholarship grant amount is \$30,000 for the entire course of study.
- Scholar needs to live in the Host Rotary District so that he/she can participate in the Rotary Club and District activities of the Host Club and District. (Host District is the Rotary District in the country where scholar is studying).
- Candidate may NOT be (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or any 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 descendent, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the forgoing two categories. However, the candidate MAY BE a member of a Rotaract Club.

- Candidates submitting applications to a District 6910 Rotary Club and the Scholarship Committee must have legal or permanent residence in District 6910 or must be employed full time in the district or be a full-time student in a college or university in the district.
- Students should print out and complete the Global Grants Scholar Application found at www.rotarydistrict6910.org. If you are unable to locate the application please drop Al Hombroek an email at al@multiplebenefits.com.
- Additional terms and conditions are outlined in the Global Grants Scholar Application.

Global Grants in District 6910 will follow a 5-step process:

Step 1: Nomination of Candidate/Scholar by a District 6910 Rotary Club – The nominating Club is to accept a Global Grants Scholar Application and resume from the candidate and before submitting both to the District Scholarship Committee the **Club** is to interview the candidate to verify he/she is in keeping with Rotary's Global Grants Scholars goals, objectives and eligibility requirements. If the candidate is determined to be in keeping with Rotary's goals, objectives and eligibility requirements then the Club shall forward the file onto the District Scholarship Committee Chair.

Step 2: Candidates who are referred by Rotary Clubs to the District Scholarship Committee will then be interviewed in person by the District 6910 Scholarship Committee. Candidates will need to have sent Official College/University transcripts to the District Scholarship Committee Chair at least a week before the scheduled interview. Within a week after the interview all candidates will be notified of the results of the application and interview process.

Step 3: The selected scholar should immediately apply to the University or College where attending.

Step 4: While the selected scholar is applying to their intended University or College of choice, District 6910 will be making contact with the Rotary District where the student will be studying to help identify a local Rotary Club near the institution that would be willing to partner with us and for the partnering club to be willing to assume the responsibilities of serving as a Host Club. District 6910, the sponsor, and the Host Rotary Club will then be required to complete their portion of the formal online application that will go to The Rotary Foundation for approval. When District 6910 and the partnering Host Club have completed their portion of the online application the selected Scholar will then be given access to a Rotary International Foundation website where the selected Scholar will need to submit a formal Global Grants Scholar Application to the Rotary Foundation for final approval. The majority of the online application can come from the original application submitted by the candidate to the nominating Rotary Club mentioned in Step 1 above. **Prior** to the candidate submitting their portion of the formal online application the scholar must provide proof of university admission (admission that requires a guarantee of financial support is acceptable).

Final approval by The Rotary Foundation may take 2 to 3 months.

Step 5: Before departure the Scholar must complete an Outbound Orientation, by either attending a regional orientation seminar or by completing a self-guided online orientation (using The Rotary Foundation presentation), preferably the former - which the District may require.

TIMELINE FOR SELECTING A 2020-2021 SCHOLAR

November 1, 2019 – Tuesday February 4, 2020 – Clubs promote and/or advertise the Global Grant Scholarship opportunity and develop a committee for accepting, reviewing and interviewing scholarship applicants according to Global Grant Scholarship Guidelines. Clubs may submit applications of those candidates who they believe best meet the goals and selection criteria of the Global Grants Scholarship as ‘proposed’ candidates to the District Scholarship Committee.

February 4, 2020 – Deadline for receipt of applications and resumes on proposed candidates from nominating clubs – sent to the District Scholarship Committee Chair – Al Hombroek.

(If no applications are received by the deadline of Feb 4th, application/s will still be accepted, and interview/s will still take place, but not necessarily on the schedule outlined below. This late process does put a strain on getting all things done on time, but it has been known to happen. Please know that if any application/s had been received on time by the committee and a candidate has been selected then any late applications will not be considered.)

February 14, 2020 – ‘Proposed’ candidates and Nominating Clubs to be notified of those selected for interview and the schedule.

February 21, 2020 – Deadline for receiving Official College/University transcripts - sent to the District Scholarship Committee Chair – Al Hombroek.

March 7, 2020 – Candidates interview date (subject to change).

March 11, 2020 – Interviewed Candidates and Nominating Clubs will be notified of decision on or before this date.

March 12, 2020 – Selected Scholars and District Scholarship Committee proceed with Steps 3, 4 & 5 outlined above.

June 10, 2020 – Final date for all items to be sent to The Rotary Foundation for approval by June 30. If approval from The Rotary Foundation should come after June 30 then District 6910 reserves the option to rescind the offer.

The above timetable is based on a scholar beginning studies in the fall of 2020.

If there are not any applicants for studies beginning in the fall of 2020, then we will try for a later university start date, the first half of 2021 but only if the Rotary Foundation has approved the scholarship by June 30, 2020, which is not certain.

SPONSORING A GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR

Roles & Responsibilities of a Sponsoring Club

- Sponsoring Clubs are the first to interview candidates. They help to ascertain that the candidate fully understands the goals, objectives, and eligibility criteria of the Global Grants Scholarship and develops an understanding of Rotary.
- If your candidate is selected by the district after district interviews, the Sponsoring Club serves as an ongoing source of education about Rotary during the time prior to his/her departure.
- It is recommended that your Scholar be invited to your club's meetings, service activities and social events.
- Sponsoring Clubs should pay for Scholar's meals at Rotary meetings and events.
- During the Scholar's year(s) of study, it is important for club/members maintain contact with the student through email, blogs, etc. This is an excellent way to convey the club's support for the Scholar while giving club members the opportunity to see their Foundation dollars at work.
- Upon return to the District, Clubs are encouraged to invite the Scholar to make a presentation at a club meeting and to assist with scheduling of presentations at other clubs or district events.

How to Become a Sponsoring Club

- Discuss the opportunity with your club President and Board
- Promote the opportunity within your area through a variety of media and/or at universities in your area.
- Verify the candidate has legal or permanent residence in District 6910 or is employed full time in the district or is a full-time student in a college or university in the district.
- Begin interviews of applicants.
- Submit those applicants who your committee believes are best aligned with the goals, objectives, and eligibility requirements of the Global Grants Scholarship to the District Scholarship Chair.
- Appoint a club member or members to serve as a Sponsoring Counselor(s) for the student – to work with the candidate/student in whatever capacity may be needed for a successful academic year, i.e. – help the student complete the online application along with help from the committee chair, help the student develop a budget, help with approving student expenses for the year, help with the yearend report as required by the Rotary Foundation.

There could be the opportunity for a scholar to be sponsored by a District and Club not from the United States that wants to study at an institution within District 6910, in which case a District 6910 Rotary Club would be needed as a Host for the incoming scholar.

TO BE A HOST CLUB FOR A GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR

Roles & Responsibilities of a Host Club and Counselor

- Greet scholar at the airport (if requested by scholar).
- Assist scholar in settling into their program as needed.
- Invite scholar to Rotary Club events and District events.
- Provide opportunities to introduce scholar to American culture.
- Follow-up with scholar when their reports are due.
- Ensure scholar meets their presentation requirements.
- Assist scholar in developing a presentation/s.
- Assist scholar with early shopping needs and transportation (as needed).
- Be available to answer questions about Rotary.
- Be available for advice.

How to Become a Host Club and Counselor

- Discuss the opportunity with your club President and Board.
- Discuss the opportunity with your family.
- Let the District know your interest in becoming a host counselor and club so that the District can assist in locating an incoming scholar.

Scholars do NOT live in the homes of Rotarians as most scholars apply for university housing.

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