

What Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary Scholarships

Every year, District 7690 offers students with high academic abilities and strong desires to serve their fellow man the opportunity to participate in the Rotary Foundation Scholarship program. This program is one of the most prestigious in the world, and has offered thousands of students the opportunity to experience the Rotary ideals of service and fellowship.

Every Rotarian is encouraged to identify and recruit talented students from his or her circle of acquaintances to apply for the scholarship program. Candidates should submit applications to the local Rotary club. The club conducts interviews, and forwards the most qualified candidate on to the district committee for further consideration.

Types of scholarships:

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Up to 3 scholarships are awarded annually, each with a value up to \$25,000. The scholarship is for one academic year of undergraduate study in any foreign country that has a Rotary club. The primary purpose of an ambassadorial scholarship is to have the scholar serve as an ambassador of goodwill while studying abroad. The scholar agrees to participate in Rotary activities (speeches, etc.) while in the country, as well as when they return to the United States.
- To be eligible, the student:
 - Must have completed at least 2 years of college by the time the program starts.
 - Must be a legal or permanent resident, or full-time student or employee, within the district where applying.
 - Must have high academic achievement level to insure acceptance at assigned college or university.
 - Must be fluent in the language of the assigned country.
 - Must be a goodwill ambassador for Rotary, the United States, and North Carolina.
 - May not be a Rotarian or a relative of a Rotarian (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, spouse).

WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP

- 60 fellowships are awarded worldwide. District 7690 may submit one applicant per year. These fellowships are for up to \$50,000 and are to be used for a 2 year period where the scholar pursues a master's degree level study in conflict resolution, peace studies and international relations at one of six World Peace Centers worldwide.
- To be eligible, the student:
 - Must be eligible to enroll in the master's level program at partner universities.
 - Must be a legal or permanent resident, or full-time student or employee, within the district where applying.
 - Must be proficient in more than one language.
 - Must have excellent leadership skills.
 - Must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding.
 - Must be a citizen of a country in which there is a Rotary club.
 - May not be a Rotarian or relative of a Rotarian (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, spouse).

A more detailed description of the program and eligibility requirements, as well as applications, is on the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org , under the "Students and Youth" tab.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – TIMELINE

For Scholars Outbound in the 2010-2011 Academic Year

January 8 and 9, 2010 Multi-District 2010-2011 Scholar Training. Training will be held in Greensboro, NC, with the exact venue to be announced. Attendance is mandatory for scholars and their local club counselor. All expenses are paid for the scholar by their sponsoring club (excluding travel).

For Scholars Outbound in the 2011-2012 Academic Year

August 2009-March 2010 Clubs recruit candidates, receive completed applications, and conduct candidate interviews at the club level.

December 2009 Blank applications will be sent to each club president, or they may be retrieved from the Rotary website at www.Rotary.org.

March 15, 2010 Deadline for club president to submit applications for 2011-2012 AMBASSADORIAL scholarships to District Scholarship Committee.*

April 10, 2010 District Ambassadorial Scholarship interviews. Specific times and location will be announced. (Candidates **MUST** be available on this date).

June 1, 2010 Deadline for club president to submit applications for 2011-2012 World Peace Fellowship to be submitted to District Scholarship Committee.*

June 12, 2010 District World Peace Fellow interviews. Specific times and locations will be announced. (Candidates **MUST** be available on this date)

January 2011 Multi-District 2011-2012 Scholar Training in Greensboro or High Point. **Attendance is mandatory for scholars and their local club counselor.** Specific dates and times will be announced.

*Sponsoring clubs should mail their candidate's application to arrive by the applicable deadline to:

Eddie Vaughn, District 7690 Scholarship Chair
c/o Findley Davies, Inc.
800 Green Valley Road, Suite 102
Greensboro, NC 27408

Note: Clubs sponsoring a winning scholar candidate will be asked to include in their budget \$250-\$300 to offset the cost of taking scholars through the 1½ year process before their departure.

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For more information, contact Eddie Vaughn at the address listed above, or go to www.rotary.org and click on Students and Youth, then Educational Programs & finally Ambassadorial Scholarships or Rotary Centers for International Studies.

PLEASE NOTE OUR 2010-11 SCHOLARS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SELECTED. WE EXPECT DRAMATIC CHANGES TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN 2011-12 AS A RESULT OF THE "FUTURE VISION" INITIATIVE, WHICH MAY IMPACT THE TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE. ANY REQUIRED CHANGES WILL BE POSTED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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