

District 6200 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

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Timetable

Dec. 2007- mid-Feb. 2008	Applications available; club presentations available on request
Feb. 29, 2008	Club endorsed, completed applications due*
March 2008	District interviews/Lafayette; applicants notified of status
May 2008	Paperwork submitted by District to Rotary Foundation
Oct. 1- Dec. 15, 2008	Rotary Foundation notifies recipients
July 1, 2009	Study period may begin

***send original and one copy to Chair (address above)**

Applications (Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship applications only)

Available from Scholarship Chair, General Secretary, Club President or website:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational_programs/ambassadorial_scholarships/>

Related Publications

012-EN	Program Guide for Rotarians: Ambassadorial Scholarships and Grants for University Teachers
132-EN	Ambassadorial Scholarships Leaflet
139-EN	Ambassadorial Scholarships Application
259-EN	Public Relations Possibilities: Ideas for Promoting the Ambassadorial Scholarships Program Study Institution Information Resource
083-EN	Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application
084-EN	Rotary World Peace Scholarship Leaflet

Scholarship Highlights

- * Two scholarships available for graduate or undergraduate study in any field; each worth U.S. \$23,000
- * Two replacement candidates or alternates also to be named
- * No application accepted without club endorsement
- * Applicants to have 2 yrs university/college work or h.s. degree/equivalent and 2 yrs recognized vocation
- * Rotarian, Honorary Rotarian, Rotary employee, Rotary spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild) or spouse/ancestor of those not eligible
- * Study period must fall between 7/1/09 and 6/30/10 for study in southern hemisphere or Japan; where studies begin in March/April, has to be March/April 2010
- * Study must be in country other than applicant's own where there are Rotary clubs
- * Applicant responsible for securing school admission once Rotary gives go-ahead

Club preparation/contribution

- * Set club process and deadlines early enough to meet District deadlines
- * Utilize personal invitation
- * Orient applicants -- to your club, the District, Rotary history and principles, the program, etc.
- * Verify completeness of application (current application, required essay included, two recommendation forms, all transcripts, club endorsement, sponsor named, appropriate number and mix of study countries/institutions listed, translations and language forms as needed, signatures)
- * Appoint a Rotarian sponsor counselor for each club-endorsed candidate
- * If submitting multiple candidates, encourage diversity of destinations
- * Stay in touch with candidates

Key points for applicants

- * Ambassadorial aspect of the scholarships is of utmost importance
- * Candidates must list a total of five study institutions in at least three different countries and must be willing to study at any one of them; research important
- * Candidate can't seek continuing study where already enrolled and can't have lived in desired country for more than six months anytime prior to scholarship beginning
- * Requests for London, Oxford, Paris, Madrid, Sydney tough to accommodate
- * District interview criteria covers completeness of application, communication skills, visual presentation/appearance, academic skills, and understanding of Rotary, of scholarship program and of desired countries/study institutions

Study Institutions

A list of Rotary recommended study institutions can be found on the RI website at http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/prospect/award/study.html. Candidates' choices are not limited to this list.

Scholar Training

District 6200 requires its scholars to attend an orientation session for outbound scholars each January preceding their year abroad. The District pays for the registration and room & board, and expects sponsor clubs to pay for their scholar's transportation (by air or in mileage for vehicle travel) to/from the conference, which is held in Austin, Texas. The same orientation is open to club sponsors and scholar counselors, at the expense of the individual or club.

World Peace Scholarship

Also, each District may submit one candidate for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Scholarships world competition, regardless of the District funds available to sponsor scholarships. Information can be gotten from The Rotary Centers for International Studies Program Guide for Rotarians (publication 085).