

2026-27 Global Grant Scholarship Application

District 5870 Rotary Global Grant Scholarships, in the amount of \$30,000 each, will be awarded to fund post-baccalaureate study at an accredited college/university located outside the United States, and its territories. Applicants must study in one, or more, of the seven Areas of Focus. Rotary must have a presence in the area so a local club may serve as host. Scholarships are for a period of one to four years.

Applicants: Complete the application and secure the required documents, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and language proficiency. **The application, and all required materials, must be received by the local Rotary Club no later than Monday, November 10, 2025.** The Club will schedule and conduct interviews, notify the Club's nominee, and advise those not selected.

District interviews are scheduled for **Saturday, December 13, 2025**. Applicants must know the college/university he/she plans to attend by the time of the interview.

When the candidate is chosen by District, the application process to The Rotary Foundation begins immediately. Scholars are required to gain admission to the college/university he/she wants to attend. Admission is required before the Foundation will approve the application. District will secure a host club. The local club, the candidate, and the host club will complete the on-line application.

A humanitarian service project will be required if the approved educational expenses (room, board, tuition, travel to/from the college/university at the beginning of study and at the end, required immunizations, medical insurance, and reasonable living expenses) are less than \$30,000. Applicants will be expected to provide an outline of the project, and its anticipated budget, during the District interview.

PLEASE NOTE AGAIN, the completed application and all required supplemental materials must be received by the local Rotary club no later than Monday, November 10, 2025.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Contact Details

Family Name First Name:

Gender: Male Female

Permanent Address:

Country of Citizenship:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Places (with dates) that applicant has lived during the past 5 years:

Dates

Places

B. Languages and Education

List the languages you speak (including native language) and your proficiency level.

List the two educational institutions you have attended most recently.

Name of Educational Institution Major Degree Earned Expected Dates From/To

C. Employment/Volunteerism History

List most recent first.

Date From Date To Employer/Volunteer Organization Title or Type of Work

D. Previous Experience Abroad

List all countries in which you have previously lived or studied.

Date From Date To Country Circumstances

E. Proposed Academic Program

Name of Institution:

Location (city and country):

Institution's Website:

Academic Program:

Official Language(s):

Anticipated Start Date:

Anticipated End Date:

F. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

Please check your area of study.

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to prevent and mediate conflict, and to support peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict. Preferred academic programs include conflict prevention/resolution, peace and justice studies, and international relations or law with a specialization in peace and conflict. Programs will:

- A. Be considered favorably that include a focus directly on peace and conflict issues; and
- B. Will not be considered favorably that relate to general international relations or law.

2. Maternal and Child Health _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to improve the health of mothers and their children by:

- A. Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children under the age of five;
- B. Reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity rate; and
- C. Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders and health care providers for mothers and their children.

Preferred academic programs include epidemiology, nutrition, global health, public health, and health promotion and degrees in nursing and medicine.

3. Disease Prevention and Treatment _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to prevent disease and promote health by:

- A. Improving the capacity of local health care professionals; and
- B. Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases and reducing the incidences of and complications from non-communicable diseases;

- C. Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities;
- D. Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases; and
- E. Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury.

Preferred academic programs include public health, advanced degrees in nursing and medicine.

4. Basic Education and Literacy _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

- A. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
- B. Increasing adult literacy in communities; and
- C. Working to reduce gender disparity in education.

Preferred academic programs include education, literacy, curriculum development, special education, and school administration.

5. Water and Sanitation _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to ensure that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:

- A. Providing equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene;
- B. Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems; and
- C. Supporting programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Preferred academic programs include water science/engineering, water management, environmental science, epidemiology, and parasitology.

6. Economic and Community Development _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by:

- A. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
- B. Developing opportunities for productive work;
- C. Reducing poverty in underserved communities; and
- D. Preferred academic programs include social science degrees with a specific focus on economic and community development, and business degrees tailored for social business or microcredit.

Programs that will be favorably considered include those that:

- A. Focus on grass-roots economic development strategies;
- B. Focus on addressing economic issues of poor and underserved communities;
- C. Support social business development; and
- D. Include "community development" in the name of the program or tailored track.

Programs that will not be favorably considered include those that:

- A. Focus on purely theoretical or macro-level economics;
- B. Support general private business development; and

- C. In a general way to the field of community development but do not include “community development” in the name of the program or tailored track.

Careers that will be considered favorably include those that either;

- A. Focus on improving the economic well-being of poor and underserved communities; and/or
- B. In a non-profit or social enterprise environment.

Careers that will not be considered favorably include those that focus on general business activities in a private or corporate setting.

7 .Environment _____

Scholars in this area are expected to study ways to protect and restore land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources by:

- A. Supporting agroecology and sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices to improve ecological health;
- B. Addressing the causes of climate change and climate disruption and supporting solutions to reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses;
- C. Strengthening the resilience of ecosystems and communities affected by climate change and climate disruption;
- D. Supporting education to promote behaviors that protect the environment;
- E. Advocating for the sustainable consumption of products and the environmentally sound management of byproducts to build a more resource-efficient economy; and
- F. Addressing environmental justice issues and environmental public health concerns.

G. EXPLAIN HOW THE PROGRAM OF STUDY RELATES TO YOUR AREA OF FOCUS

Include a description of the program coursework, such as a list of the classes you plan to attend, and any relevant links to further information about the program on the website.

H. DESCRIBE PAST EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES THAT HAS DRIVEN YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM AT THE CHOSEN INSTITUTION.

I. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS, INCLUDING CAREER PLANS AND HOW THE PROGRAM OF STUDY WILL ADVANCE THESE GOALS.

What community needs will your work address during or after completing this program? How will your work contribute to addressing this need on a long-term basis? Explain how you have already participated in an activity or organization intended to promote good or improve human quality of life.

1. Do not simply list organizations of which you have been a part;
2. Describe your role to ensure the community was profoundly impacted by your efforts; and

3. Specify work done related to your proposed discipline of study.

II. FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

A. RECOMMENDATION FORMS.

Two are required. Request the recommender/endorser send the form to the local Rotary Club to which you are applying. Please provide the address/email to your recommender/endorser.

B. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FORM (ATTACHED)

This form is required only if the language country is different from your native language. Please note if the language of instruction is in your native language.

C. TRANSCRIPTS

Please provide all official transcripts that apply to attendance at each of the institutions listed in Section 1.

D. OPTIONAL

If comfortable doing so, please attach a recent photograph.

III. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary District 5870 and certify that I am eligible to apply, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible:

- A. Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian;
- B. An employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity;
- C. Spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the foregoing two categories; and
- D. Rotarians and their relatives described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.
- E. Prior to the District scholarship interviews, which are scheduled for **December 13 , 2025**

I understand that I am required to:

- a. Identify the college or university that I want to attend;
- b. Demonstrate that I am proficient in the language of the country this college/ university is located;
- c. Work with my sponsoring Rotary Club to complete an estimated budget as outlined in the *Global Grant Scholarship Handbook*; and
- d. Develop an outline of my humanitarian service project (if required), a budget as outlined in the *Global Grant Scholarship Handbook*, and be prepared to discuss the project at the District interviews.

I further certify, understand, and agree that I am solely responsible for gaining admission to the college/university that I want to attend, and for obtaining required visa(s), passports, making appropriate travel arrangements, required immunizations, medical insurance, and completing all pre-departure travel requirements. I must gain admission to the college/university that I want to attend before my Scholarship Application can be submitted to the Rotary Foundation.

If I receive a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship, I understand and agree:

- A. The academic program I am undertaking must be no shorter than one academic year in duration, nor longer than four years;
- B. That the program of study must be for post-baccalaureate work only in one or more of the seven Areas of Focus established by The Rotary Foundation;
- C. To abide by any decisions made by Rotary District 5870 and/or my sponsoring Rotary Club concerning my scholarship; and
- D. That, as noted above, I may be required to complete the humanitarian service project during my period of study.

I further understand that the project must be:

- A. Conducted in the Rotary District of my international host Rotary Club;
- B. In the same Area(s) of Focus as my academic studies; and
- C. Executed during the scholarship period.

I will be expected to adhere to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants, and my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than 90 days after my Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship is approved by The Rotary Foundation, and that I will not receive reimbursement for any expenses incurred prior to this date except for the items listed in paragraph 3 above, and I must obtain the following minimum insurance coverage:

- A. \$250,000 or equivalent for medical care and hospitalization for basic major medical expenses, including accident and illness expense, hospitalization, and related benefits;
- B. \$50,000 or equivalent for emergency evacuation;
- C. \$20,000 or equivalent for repatriation of remains; and
- D. That the scholarship funding is \$30,000. Scholarship funding is for only those items contained in the approved budget and can only be used for:
 - a. Studies i.e., tuition, books, lab fees, other classroom and/or school fees, travel to and from my county of study at the commencement and end of the scholarship and reasonable living expenses; and
 - b. Completion of my humanitarian service project, and that I will need to seek alternate sources of funding if costs exceed \$30,000;

That Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870 and my sponsoring Rotary Club assume no responsibility or financial obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the funding contained in the approved budget; that I am expected to learn about Rotary International and fulfill the following ambassadorial responsibilities:

- A. Attend any orientation programs organized by District 5870 and/or other districts, or by my sponsoring Rotary Club;

- B. Before departure, attend meetings of my sponsoring Rotary Club and Rotary events in District as invited, and present at least one talk to a Rotary group;
- C. Make myself available for, and encourage, media interviews at home and abroad;
- D. Maintain academic studies with distinction, giving equal importance to the academic and ambassadorial aspects of your scholarship;
- E. Be actively involved with Rotary in my international host district, making presentations to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences, and submitting required reports describing my academic progress and activities;
- F. Present talks to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences within the first year after my return home;
- G. Maintain communication with my sponsor and host Rotary Club before, during, and after the study period;
- H. Offer to share my experiences at Rotary clubs or district meetings, and participate in Rotary Foundation alumni activities;
- I. Register contact information with Alumni Relations at the Rotary Foundation, keeping my address, telephone number and e-mail address updated at all times;
- J. That I must live in the immediate vicinity of my approved study institution and my international host district, so that I can participate in the Rotary club and district activities of the host district;
- K. That I am responsible for all costs associated with my spouse or dependents who may accompany me during my scholarship period;
- L. That I am expected to embrace Rotary's spirit of volunteerism and engage in volunteer activities from the time of the scholarship application, through the term of the scholarship, and to a post-term commitment in my local community;
- M. My scholarship does not guarantee that I will earn a degree, diploma, or certificate;
- N. That I must advise Rotary District 5870 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year;
- O. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and permit The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International, Rotary District 5870, and/or my sponsoring Rotary Club to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship;
- P. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to maintain a good academic standing pursuant my college's or university's standards throughout the scholarship period;
 - b. Evidence of misconduct;
 - c. Failure to submit required reports on time;
 - d. Change in study program without the consent of Rotary District 5870;
 - e. Withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term;
 - f. Failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties;
 - g. Failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar as required;
 - h. Failure to follow the directions of my sponsoring Rotary Club;
 - i. Failure to provide my sponsoring Rotary Club with my current information including mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address at all times;
 - j. Failure to maintain monthly communications with my sponsoring Rotary Club;and

- k. A contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship.
- Q. That revocation of my scholarship shall cause all payments to cease and may make me personally liable for the return of payments previously provided;
- R. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs and Rotarians are in no way liable for my personal welfare or responsible for enabling my to pursue studies beyond the scholarship period; and
- S. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 5870 assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature

Date

SEND APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO

Rotary Club of _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

ACADEMIC/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION (Two are Required)

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant.

Name of Applicant

I _____ waive _____ do not waive my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation Form.

Signature of Applicant

SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor or employer/supervisor.

A. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

B. How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

C. In what way would study abroad contribute to the applicant's academic or professional development?

D. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Exceptiona l	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Poor
Leadership					
Initiative					
Seriousness of purpose					
Enthusiasm					
Adaptability					

Maturity				
Emotional stability				
Public speaking				
Community service				

E. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question D.

F. Describe any first-hand knowledge that you have of the applicant's voluntary service to his/her community and/or provide additional comments.

Name Title or Position

Signature

Date

Institution/Company

Telephone

E-Mail Address

*Please return completed evaluation to the Rotary Club to which your candidate has applied.
The candidate can give you the name, address and email of the correct Rotary Club.*

Signature of Applicant

SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor or employer/supervisor.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

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Adaptability					
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Public speaking					
Community service					

5. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question D.

6. Tell us about any first-hand knowledge that you have of the applicant's voluntary service to his or her community and/or provide additional comments.

Name Title or Position

Signature

Date

Institution/Company

Telephone

E-Mail Address

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LANGUAGE ABILITY FORM

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant. (Please type.)

Complete this form only if you intend to study in a country where the native language is different from your own.

Name of Applicant

I waive do not waive my right to access information on Part II of this Language Ability Form.

Signature of Applicant

1. For what language is this form being completed?

2. Summarize the formal education and training you have had in this language.

3. Summarize the informal training or experience you have had using this language.

4. If granted a scholarship in a country where this language is used, what additional language training will you undertake before departure?

SECTION II — To be completed by a language instructor. (Please type.)

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. My evaluation is based on:

Classroom instruction

Tutoring

Other (please specify) _____

3. Rate the applicant's present language ability as follows:

Superior Good Fair Rudimentary

Reading Writing

Comprehension (aural) Speaking

4. Please comment on the applicant's ability to carry out a program of study using this language.
If the applicant's command of the language is not adequate, what training would you recommend?

Name Title or Position

Signature

Date

Institution/Company

Telephone

E-Mail Address

4 - Rotary Club Endorsement

The Rotary Club of _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

After consideration of _____ applicants, proposes that

Name (please print)

be awarded a Global Grant Scholarship (GGS), and forwards this Endorsement and application to the District 5870 Committee Chair. The Club Committee _____ did _____ did not interview the candidate.

The Club will assign the Scholar a Rotarian Sponsor Counselor, who is Grant Certified, to oversee the GGS implementation. The Sponsor Counselor, and any designated Primary Contact, will be knowledgeable and serve as a mentor and resource before, during and after the scholarship period. The Club President has appointed the following member to serve as Sponsor Counselor should the applicant be awarded the Scholarship.

Sponsor Counselor

Street Address

City State ZIP

Telephone E-Mail

I affirm that the Rotarian Sponsor Counselor is Grants Management Certified by District 5870.

Club President (please print)

Signature of Club President Date

Telephone E-Mail