



**Rotary International & Rotary District 6910**  
**Global Grants Scholarship Information for Rotarians and Clubs**  
**For Graduate Study Commencing 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025**

**Dear Fellow D6910 Rotarians:**

Thanks for your interest in Rotary's **Global Grants Scholarship**. Each year, our District dedicates funding (from our DDF and from The Rotary Foundation) to offer **one** (1) Global Grant Scholarship for **\$30,000** for a qualified candidate to pursue graduate study in another country. Their course of study must focus specifically on one of Rotary's seven [Areas of Focus](#). We seek to identify candidates who:

- Have clear plans for graduate study and for their post-university careers that directly relate to one or more of Rotary's focus areas
- Have a proven record of success in their academic field and/or vocation
- Possess excellent leadership skills and potential
- Have demonstrated a personal commitment to service
- Are likely to be excellent representatives of Rotary and our District while abroad
- Are sincere about maintaining a relationship with Rotary after the scholarship year

Candidates should be endorsed by a Rotary Club in [District 6910](#) and are responsible for their own application and admission to the chosen university and program of study. A host Rotary Club and contact person in the country where they are studying will also be identified to provide local support and Rotary connection during their program.

Applications are due to D6910 no later than January 31 for programs of study which will start in the following Rotary year (typically fall 2024 for northern-hemisphere institutions and January 2025 for southern-hemisphere programs). Candidates will be interviewed during spring 2024 and the recipient will be finalized at that point, then the official application through The Rotary Foundation will be submitted for funding and final approval.

On behalf of the District 6910 Scholarship Committee I invite your participation in our search for qualified candidates. Please feel free to reach out with questions--

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## GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP – ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

### ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 6910 & HOST DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY

The sponsoring Rotary Club must be a Foundation Qualified Club to nominate a candidate for the Global Grants Scholarship. That includes not being behind on Foundation reporting, having club representatives complete online grant management seminars, and complete a club MOU. See <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/qualification>. The hosting District/Club where the Scholar would be studying will also need to be Qualified, FYI.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Global Grants Scholarships support graduate-level study abroad (typically masters or doctoral study) for one or more years. Applicants must be pursuing a career and graduate study that directly relates to one or more of Rotary's areas of focus:

- Peace Building and Conflict Prevention
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Community Economic Development
- Supporting the Environment

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 these 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 one who wishes to pursue a career in microcredit or with a nongovernmental organization might be a fit.) Rotarians and prospective candidates are encouraged to review The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus documents (see Areas of Focus Resources at <https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference/global-grants>).

Specific eligibility requirements and conditions for Global Grants recipients include:

- Candidates 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 a Rotarian or employee of Rotary. However, the candidate MAY BE a member of a Rotaract Club.
- Candidates submitting applications through District 6910 must have legal or permanent residence in the district, or be employed full time in the district, or be a full-time student in a college or university in the district. A D6910 club must endorse/sponsor the applicant.
- The candidate's program of study must be at the **graduate** level (master's, doctoral, or graduate certificate programs), and must be in **another country** (enrolled in a program of study at a university outside the U.S.). The **candidate** is responsible for applying for

and being admitted to the program and university where they intend to study, and Rotary does not have any involvement in that process. Candidates should ideally have this process completed or underway by the time of their application.

- During their program, Global Grants Scholars reside in and participate in Rotary Club and District activities with the Host District, in the country where scholar is studying, and have a hosting Rotarian and club that help engage them in local activities.
- The scholarship grant amount is US\$**30,000**. This can be used for expenses such as tuition, program fees, and living expenses, and Scholars will have to submit expense statements/invoices for reimbursement by the grant. Depending on the program costs, this funding could be fully expended in one year, or could be used for longer programs if not fully used within the year.
- Students should print out and complete the Global Grants Scholar Application found at [www.rotarydistrict6910.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org).
- Additional terms and conditions are outlined in the Global Grants Scholar Application.

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

Step 1: Review and Nomination of Candidate/Scholar by a District 6910 Rotary Club – The nominating Club receives a Global Grants Scholarship Application and related materials from the candidate. Before submitting both to the D6910 Global Grants Scholarship Committee the **Club** should review materials and interview the candidate to verify alignment with the Global Grants Scholars goals, objectives and eligibility requirements. If so, then the Club President endorses and forwards the application to the District Scholarship Committee Chair, no later than January 31.

Step 2: Nominated candidates will be contacted by the Global Grants Chair to review what additional documents are needed, and will be interviewed by the District 6910 Global Grants Scholarship Committee, usually by March. 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 Global Grants Scholar should immediately apply to the University or College where attending, if they have not already done so. They may also need to provide additional information and documentation on their program and status.

Step 4: District 6910 will make contact with the Rotary District where the student will be studying to help identify a local Rotary Club near the hosting institution that would be willing to partner as the Host Club for the student. District 6910 and the Host Rotary Club in that country/district will then be required to complete their portion of the formal online Global Grants 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 the Rotary International Foundation website and will need to submit all information required for the formal Global Grants Scholar Application to the Rotary Foundation for final approval. (Most of the online application details are included in the original application submitted by the

candidate to the nominating Rotary Club mentioned in Step 1 above.) The Scholar must provide proof of university admission (admission that requires a guarantee of financial support is acceptable) for us to submit the grant to The Rotary Foundation. The Grant must be submitted by June, but sooner is better; 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). The hosting District may require additional orientation steps.

## **TIMELINE FOR SELECTING A 2024-2025 SCHOLAR**

**Fall 2023** – 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 Global Grants Scholarship Committee.

**January 31, 2024** – Deadline for receipt of applications and resumes of proposed candidates from nominating clubs – sent to the District Global Grants Scholarship Committee Chair Dr. Paul Matthews (preferably by email, [paulhmatthews@protonmail.com](mailto:paulhmatthews@protonmail.com)).

(If no applications are received by the deadline, applications may still be accepted based on a revised timeline. Contact Paul Matthews to discuss.)

**February 15, 2024** – Candidates and Nominating Clubs will be notified of interview plans and any additional documentation (e.g., official college/university transcripts) needed for the committee.

**March 2024, TBD** – Candidate interviews (either in person or via Zoom) will be scheduled and conducted during the first 2 weeks of March – exact dates and times will be announced. The interviewing committee usually consists of the committee chair, current and future Rotary District Governors, and other Rotary representatives.

**Spring 2024**– Applicants will be notified of their status. The candidate selected to receive the Global Grants Scholarship, and the District chair, will proceed with Steps 3, 4 & 5 outlined above.

**June 15, 2024** – 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.

**Ongoing during the year**—Scholar, Host Club/District, and District 6910 stay in communication and work to submit required financial reports, requests for reimbursement, and Grant reports.

## **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.
- After the Scholar completes their studies, 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 year-end report as required by The Rotary Foundation.

**As mentioned, we will also identify a Host Club in the City and Country where the Scholar is going to be studying.**

### **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 local 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.

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

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