

**The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is currently the world's largest, privately funded international scholarships program.**



### **Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Awarded for one academic year of study abroad



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### **Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Awarded for two years of specific degree-oriented study abroad

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### **Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Awarded for three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion abroad

an international education program for ambassadors of goodwill



- Support approximately 1,100 students serving abroad annually
- Introduce scholars to the cultures of over 70 different countries
- Send scholars from almost 70 different countries
- Have created a worldwide network of more than 36,000 scholar alumni
- Have empowered students to improve international understanding for over half a century

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Contact the Rotary club in your area for application materials and deadlines.

## AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further international understanding and world peace by

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home communities and countries
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and with the Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

## ROTARIAN COUNSELORS

A unique benefit of Ambassadorial Scholarships is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned a sponsor and host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation and advice in preparing for and completing a successful study period in another country.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years, when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

## The following persons are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship:

A Rotarian; an Honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

## ACADEMIC-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for one regular academic year (usually nine months) of full-time study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Because the scholarship is limited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees or diplomas during the study period. This scholarship may also be used for vocational training. Since candidates are expected to be proficient in the language of the host country, generally this scholarship is not appropriate for study of a foreign language.

“Thanks to The Rotary Foundation for my new pair of glasses; you have shown me the world.”

Ambassadorial Scholar Jennifer Shatwell,  
USA–Australia

## What does the scholarship cover?

Funding is provided to cover round-trip transportation, one month of intensive language training (if assigned by the Foundation), required fees for a normal course load, reasonable room and board, and some educational supplies. The Foundation will not pay additional costs resulting from personal living preferences. Generally, awards will range between US\$13,000 and US\$25,000 depending upon actual costs at the assigned study institution. Refer to our Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), to confirm the maximum award amount for a specific program year. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where costs exceed the maximum available must pay all additional costs.

## MULTI-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for two years of full-time degree-oriented study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The scholarship may be used for almost any field of study, as long as the scholar is enrolled in a specific university degree program and takes course work which relates directly to the completion of one degree.

## What does the scholarship cover?

The Multi-Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of approximately US\$12,500 or its equivalent for each year. Refer to our Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), to confirm the maximum award amount for a specific program year. Funding is intended to help supplement the costs of pursuing one degree at one study institution. Expenses beyond the amount provided are the scholar's responsibility.

## CULTURAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The three-month scholarship is most appropriate for studying a foreign language in which the applicant may already be somewhat proficient. The six-month scholarship is more appropriate for studying a language that presents a challenge to the applicant. Applicants are expected to have completed at least one year of college-level course work or equivalent of the proposed language of study.

## What does the scholarship cover?

Funding is provided to cover round-trip transportation, tuition and fees for language training, and homestay expenses. Scholars will stay with local families when possible. Funding will not exceed approximately US\$12,000 or its equivalent for a three-month scholarship or US\$19,000 or its equivalent for a six-month scholarship. Most scholars will receive less than these amounts, based on actual study expenses in the host country. Refer to our Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), to confirm the maximum award amount for a specific program year.

## TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Refer to The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Application form or our Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), for the terms of the scholarships.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The availability of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is determined by each Rotary district and varies from year to year. Some districts may not offer scholarships or may offer only one type of scholarship. Applicants must contact a local Rotary club to: 1) determine if funding for the desired scholarship is available; 2) inquire about local application deadlines; and 3) obtain application materials. Applications may also be obtained directly from The Rotary Foundation or the Rotary International Web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) if the applicant has confirmed scholarship availability with the local Rotary club.

Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and district-endorsed applications will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. The Rotary Foundation directly notifies all candidates of approved scholarships and assignments. Applications sent directly to The Rotary Foundation without club and district endorsements will not be considered.

## Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

The Rotary Foundation's Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries provides study abroad opportunities to individuals from low-income countries. Even if a Rotary district has not allocated funding to sponsor scholarships, Rotary districts located in low-income countries are eligible to submit one application to compete for 1 of up to 20 Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded worldwide each year through this fund pool. Application must be made through a local Rotary club. Applicants can apply for an Academic-Year, Multi-Year, or Cultural Scholarship. If there are questions about this fund pool, please contact The Rotary Foundation.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March or as late as 15 July of the year preceding study abroad. For example, an applicant interested in studying abroad starting after 1 July 2005 but before 30 June 2006 should submit an application to a local club between March and July 2004. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will be notified of their study institution assignments by 15 December of the same year they apply.