

Rotary Foundation's
Educational Programs

1. Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40, who are not Rotarians or related to a Rotarian, and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired Districts in different countries. For a period of four to six weeks, team members will experience the host District's institutions and ways of life, observe their vocations as they are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

The Foundation will provide the most economical round-trip airfare between your country and the host District. You will be accommodated by local Rotarians who will provide you with meals, lodging and group travel within the host District.

The exchange is designed to provide a cultural and vocational experience for the members of the team and their Rotarian leader. In the spirit of Rotary, the program is designed to build peace and better world understanding.

In the fall of each year, the visiting team will be hosted in District 7070 (Toronto area and east to Belleville), and the District 7070 team will return to the paired District in the spring of the following year.

For more information on the Group Study Exchange program go to:
<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/gse/index.html>

Application forms for team leader and team members can be downloaded from:
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/260en.pdf> (team leader)
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/161en.pdf> (team member)

The completed forms, along with a resume, can be forwarded to:

Karen Baker
(613)968-8553 (fax)
ksbaker001@hotmail.com

or mailed:
265 Dundas Street West, Belleville, Ontario, K8P 1A9

Forms are due by September 30, 2007.

Additional downloads pertaining to the GSE program are also available at:
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/>

2. Ambassadorial Scholarship

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the vision of The Rotary Foundation to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

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 Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

Rotarian Counselors

A unique benefit of Rotary 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. Applicants must initially apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their 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.

Scholarships are not available for a university in the U.S.A or Canada.

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. Scholarships are not available for a university in the USA or Canada.

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. The 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.

The Academic – Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of US \$23,000. Funding is intended to defray costs associated with 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. Refer the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the award amount for a specific program year. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where costs exceed the flat grant amount 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 that relates directly to the completion of one degree.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Multi-Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of US \$11,500 or its equivalent for each year. Refer to the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the 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.

Terms of the Scholarship

Refer to The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Application (139-EN) or RI Web site, www.rotary.org, for the terms of the scholarships.

Application Procedures

Applicant 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 or material directly from the RI Web site at www.rotary.org.

Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and the District 7070 - endorsed applicant (presently only one from District – 7070) will be forwarded to the Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. The Foundation directly notifies all candidates of the approved scholarship and assignment by December 15 of the year of application.

Application Deadlines

- Applications to be submitted to a local Club by June 15
- Clubs submit to Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee by July 15
- Both the year preceding the year of study abroad

For example, an applicant interested in studying abroad starting after 1 July 2009 but before 30 June 2010 submits an application to a local club before June 15 2008

NOTE: You may contact Gene Burns: Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair with any questions or for further information: ebb-mib@sympatico.ca

3. World Peace Fellowship

This is a Masters degree program in a peace and conflict studies related area. The program is offered at each of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, currently being offered at the following universities; California, Berkeley(USA), Bradford(England), Duke and North Carolina at Chapel Hill(USA), International Christian(Japan), Queensland(Australia), Salvador(Argentina).

The fellowship funding is limited to the following categories: tuition fees, standardized room and board stipend, transportation, contingency expenses and an applied field experience.

For more information on the World Peace Fellowship go to

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/applicant.html

Application forms for the 2009-11 academic year are available for download at

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#centers>

to forwarded to Lynn Bird no latter than May 15th, 2008.

Please contact Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com with any questions or for further information.

4. Peace & Conflict Studies

This is a 3 month professional development certificate program offered at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. The program is directed to professionals with at least five years experience in various professions. Sessions are conducted in English. Two sessions are held annually with 30 participants each, July-September and January-April.

For more information on the 3 month Peace & Conflict certificate program go to

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>

Application form for the July-September 2008;

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/091en.pdf>

And are to be forwarded to Lynn Bird no later than November 1st, 2008.

Please contact Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com with any questions or for further information.