



WESTWOOD VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB  
GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR THE STUDY-ABROAD YEAR 2019 – 2020  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 5280

**About Rotary**

**ROTARY** is a worldwide volunteer organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Since its founding in 1905, there are now approximately **1.2 million** Rotarians belonging to more than **35,000** Rotary clubs located in over **200** countries. The motto of Rotary is: *Service Above Self*.

Throughout its history, Rotary International and the not-for-profit Rotary Foundation have collaborated with many civic and humanitarian organizations as well as government agencies in its efforts to improve the human condition. An excellent example of what these partnerships can accomplish can be found in Rotary's ambitious *PolioPlus* program. Launched in 1985 in concert with the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and UNICEF, Rotary's goal was to immunize every child in the world against polio by the year 2005. Rotary brought to the effort millions of dollars and volunteers to assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilization, and logistical help at the local, national, regional, and international levels.

**What is the Global Grants Scholarship?**

The Global Grants Scholarship is for one-year of graduate study abroad. Its goal is to further international understanding, world peace and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors scholarships for graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. Scholars' career goals, graduate studies and local project that they have developed in their foreign host district, will be based on one of the six "Areas of Focus" identified by the Rotary Foundation. They will also give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

**Areas of Focus:**

Career goals, graduate studies and the development and execution of a sustainable, measurable and needs-based community service project must be related to one of the following six Areas of Focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention / resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

**Academic-Year Global Grants Scholarships** provide funding for one academic year of study abroad in a Rotary country. The scholarship award is **US\$30,000.00** and is intended to help cover round-trip transportation, tuition, fees, room and board expenses, and educational supplies.

### **Who is Eligible to Apply?**

Scholarship applications must be submitted to a local Rotary club located in a Rotary district in which the applicant maintains a legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment. Rotary District 5280 includes most Rotary clubs in the greater Los Angeles area and the San Fernando Valley.

Applicants cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a Rotary club, Rotary district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, and ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible.

Applicants must be citizens of the U.S. or a country in which there are Rotary clubs.

Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree program before commencing their graduate-level scholarship studies.

Applicants must be accepted to and enrolled in a graduate-level academic program at a university or similar academic institution in their selected host country during their scholarship year abroad.

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in the language of the selected host country

### **How to Apply:**

Applicants must apply through a local sponsoring Rotary Club. The WESTWOOD VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB, serving the UCLA and Westside communities, can be contacted through:

- Christopher Bradford (310) 556-2433 [cbradford@sblawla.com](mailto:cbradford@sblawla.com)

The Scholarship Application is available on the Rotary District 5280 Website:  
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/scholars>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Scholarship Applications Due: December 7, 2018**

**Send Applications as a PDF file to: [cbradford@sblawla.com](mailto:cbradford@sblawla.com) and mail original documents to:  
Christopher Bradford, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, 11<sup>th</sup> Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90067**

**Initial Applicant Interviews: January 8, 2019 @ 10:30AM**

**District 5280 Final Interviews: TBD in March 2019**

## THE PROFILE OF THE IDEAL SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

In order to assist the Westwood Village Rotary Club and District committees in selecting outstanding scholarship candidates, the Rotary Foundation has identified the following traits (in no particular order) that should be considered standard for any scholarship candidate. Each candidate does not need to possess all of the traits below to be a successful candidate, but those whose possess more of the traits than other candidates are likely to be more successful.

- Possesses excellent leadership skills and potential;
- Understands his/her award obligations, especially speeches to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences;
- Has a proven record of success in his/her academics and/or vocation;
- Is articulate and possesses good proficiency in the study country language;
- Is well-groomed and has a professional appearance;
- Has demonstrated a personal commitment to community service;
- Is willing to participate in an outbound orientation seminar provided by the club or district;
- Has well-defined and realistic goals;
- Possesses maturity and seriousness of purpose;
- Is an excellent public speaker, skilled with presentations to both small and large audiences;
- Knows the history, culture, and politics of both his/her home community and study country;
- Is diplomatic and articulate when discussing world affairs and sensitive topics;
- Has concrete ideas as to how he/she will improve international understanding;
- Intends to dedicate part or all of their personal or professional life to the ideals of Rotary;
- Is flexible and possesses a good sense of humor;
- Is sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after his/her scholarship period.

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## TERMS OF ROTARY GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholars are required to attend an orientation seminar in District 5280. Orientation seminars include training on developing and delivering speeches and presentations.
- Study or training must be undertaken in another country or territory in which there are Rotary clubs.
- During their academic year abroad, the scholar's career goals and academic program of study must be related to one the Six Areas of Focus, and they must develop and conduct a sustainable, measurable and needs-based community service project related to the same Area of Focus.
- Each scholar is responsible for applying directly to their choice of study institutions, gaining admission, obtaining required visas, and making travel arrangements. The scholarship may not be used in conjunction with another study-abroad program affiliated with a home country institution.
- Scholars must locate funds to cover all expenses that are not specifically funded by their scholarships or for which their scholarships are not sufficient. Scholarships will not be increased to cover spouses, dependents, or anyone other than the scholar.
- Depending on tax laws in the home and host countries, the scholarships may be taxable in part or in full. It is the scholar's responsibility to investigate tax regulations as they pertain to scholarship funding.
- Any applicant for academic-year scholarships whose native language is not that of the proposed study country must submit evidence of ability to read, write, and speak the language of that country. Academic-Year Scholarship candidates must also pass a language proficiency examination determined by the Rotary Foundation.
- Scholars must submit periodic reports to their sponsoring Rotary club as well as receipts for expenses for \$75.00 or more.

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