

Rotary District 5960 2017-18 Global Grant Fellowship

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About the Program

The Rotary District 5960 Global Grant Fellowship Program provides \$30,000 scholarship awards for graduate studies outside the USA. Scholars must commence studies between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 and expend the scholarship funds within 12 months of starting studies.

Eligible applicants will have a demonstrated record of high academic achievement and a reasonable level of proficiency in the language of the region of study.

Required Areas of Focus

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) 100-year anniversary in 2017, the TRF Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the foundation toward its second century of service. The plan, called the Future Vision Plan, focuses TRF-funded programs to specific areas where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are presently most relevant to Rotarians.

As a result, to be eligible for a Rotary District 5960 Global Grant Fellowship, you must have a background, intended graduate studies, and future career plans related to at least one of the following focus areas:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. Water and Sanitation
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Economic and Community Development

Timeline for Application Submission and Review

- Mid-March, 2016 – Prequalification Application Deadline to Northfield Rotary
- (Review and Revision Period with Northfield Rotary)
- Mid-April, 2016 – Complete Application Deadline to District 5960
- Early May, 2016 – In-Person Interviews (No Alternate Dates)

General Qualifications

Please review each statement below and check ALL that apply.

- I have (1) previous work experience, volunteer experience and/or education; (2) intended graduate degree studies; AND (3) future career plans, that are related to one of the 6 Areas of Focus established by Rotary International. For further guidance, go to the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus Policy Statements at www.rotary.org.
- I plan to enroll in a graduate level program commencing between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 and expend the scholarship funds within 12 months of starting studies.
- My study institution is located in a geographic area that has a Rotary presence. There are 34,000 Rotary clubs within 530 Rotary districts around the world. Despite this extensive reach, there are some parts of the world that do not have a formal Rotary presence due to security, safety or other issues. For further guidance, see: www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder
- I am NOT (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or 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 descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person who has been in the foregoing two categories within the past three years.
- I currently work in, attend school in, or am a resident of District 5960 (which spans certain municipalities and counties in central and eastern Minnesota and adjacent Wisconsin, USA). For further guidance, see: www.rotary5960.org
- I have, or will have, sufficient funds to cover any expenses throughout my scholarship time that exceed US\$30,000.
- I will attend an orientation and work with a designated Scholar mentor to prepare for my program before traveling.
- I will endeavor to participate in a humanitarian project sponsored by the host Rotary club in my study region.
- Throughout my scholarship time, I will report my experiences no less than bi-weekly on an Internet blog.
- I will complete all required reports during and after my scholarship time.
- I will make a presentation about my scholarship experience to at least 2 Rotary clubs within 1 year after the completion of my scholarship program.
- If I return to District 5960 after my scholarship, I will support future programs by serving on the Rotary District 5960 Global Grant Scholarship Committee for at least one year.

If you did not check ALL items above, you are not eligible for the Rotary District 5960 Global Grant Fellowship.