

2012-13 District 7980

Service Above Self Scholarship Application

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Before completing this application, you must check with the local Rotary club to determine whether the scholarship type you wish to apply for is currently being offered in your area for 2012-13 and to ensure that you can meet local application deadlines. Please note that not all districts offer scholarships every year. Applications must be made through a local Rotary club.

Please print or type (in Roman alphabet, if possible). Do not use initials or abbreviations.

Name in full:

FAMILY NAME	FIRST,	MIDDLE, AND OTHER NAMES
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Male Female

Address where mail will reach you before and after your scholarship:

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY/TOWN

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

FAX

E-MAIL (e.g. hotmail, gmail, etc.)

TELEPHONE (ALTERNATE)

SKYPE ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Emergency contact (relationship, name, address, phone number, and e-mail):

Scholarship Institution:

Institution Location:

Proposed field of study:

PERSONAL INFORMATION for All Scholarship Applicants

Educational History

Post-Secondary or University Level (include any studies planned between now and scholarship term; list planned or most recent studies first)

1.

Institution name	City/Town	State/Province	Country
Dates attended (mm/yy)	Field of study (Specify degree/certificate received/expected)		

2.

Institution name	City/Town	State/Province	Country
Dates attended (mm/yy)	Field of study (Specify degree/certificate received/expected)		

Secondary school (name and location)	Dates attended (mm/yy)		Diploma or equivalent	
	From	To	Yes	No

Full-Time Employment History

(List current or most recent first.)

Name of employer	Job title or type of work	Dates worked (month and year)	
		From	To

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES for Scholarships

The Scholarships Program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further world understanding and peace by:

- * 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;
- * Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars.

Candidates should consider these objectives carefully before applying and be prepared to explain in their essays and during the interview process how their study plans will support the program objectives. Other ways of demonstrating support of the objectives include a commitment to community service or international humanitarian service and a commitment to long-term involvement with Rotary International.

Scholars are encouraged to support program objectives by choosing a study field which will help address the humanitarian needs of the world community such as disease prevention, child and maternal health, water and sanitation, education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic and community. Studies related to "Rotary International's Menu of Service Opportunities" are also encouraged (see www.rotary.org for more details).

Rotary seeks out students who are prepared for the challenge of serving as outstanding ambassadors of goodwill. If you receive a District 7980 Service Above Self scholarship grant, you will be expected to participate in the following activities as part of your mission as a Rotary ambassador of goodwill:

- * Attend an orientation program organized by your sponsor and host Rotary districts; failure to attend an orientation program organized by your sponsor or host Rotary district may result in forfeiture of the award. Orientation will include training on how to develop and make speeches and presentations.
- * Prior to departure, attend meetings of your sponsor Rotary club and Rotary events in your sponsor district as invited, and present at least one talk to a Rotary forum. If you are not residing in your sponsor district, attend meetings at Rotary clubs and Rotary events, and present at least one talk to a Rotary forum in your area of residence.
- * Make yourself available for and encourage media interviews at home and at school.
- * Maintain full-time academic studies with distinction, giving equal importance to the ambassadorial and academic aspects of the scholarship.
- * Be actively involved with Rotary in your host district, making a specified number of presentations to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences according to your scholarship type.
- * Submit required reports to the District 7980 scholarship committee and District Governor describing your academic progress and Rotary activities, including

completion of the final report one month before completing your Foundation-funded scholarship period.

- * Maintain communication with your sponsor and host Rotarians before, during, and after your study period.
 - * Upon completion of your studies, contact your sponsor club or Rotary club in the area of your residence to offer to attend Rotary club or district meetings to share your ambassadorial experience and participate in alumni activities. Also, seek out opportunities for participation in activities of your sponsor club and district.
 - * Present at least three talks to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences after you return home.
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Essays

Please prepare the following documents. Each page should include your name and the name of the sponsor Rotary club in the upper right hand corner.

1. A brief autobiography, no longer than two pages, describing;
 - Academic strengths and challenges
 - Community and International Service Projects
 - Related work experience and/or career aspirations
2. A one page answer to:

How have you integrated/will you integrate “Service Above Self” in your school, work and personal activities?

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION for District 7980 Scholarship Grant Applicants

I hereby apply for a District 7980 scholarship grant to be funded by Rotary Foundation DDF. I certify that I am eligible to apply, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible: (a) a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian; (b) an employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity; (c) a spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or by legal adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in categories (a) or (b); and that Rotarians and their relatives as described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.

If I receive a Rotary District 7980 Cultural Grant, I agree:

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the ambassadorial responsibilities as part of my mission as a Rotary ambassador of goodwill.
2. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary Foundation to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship.
3. That I am responsible for gaining admission at my assigned study institution, obtaining required visa(s), making appropriate travel arrangements, and completing all pre-departure requirements, and that I must abide by any decisions made by The Rotary Foundation Trustees concerning my scholarship.
4. That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing my pre-departure requirements, including any application or visa fees, any required exam fees, and securing appropriate insurance coverage.
5. That I am responsible for all costs associated with my spouse or dependents who may accompany me during my scholarship period, and that I will not be permitted to be accompanied by a non-married companion.
6. That my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than 1 July 2010, and I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken prior to this date. That once my scholarship has been approved by District 7980, I cannot change the type of scholarship awarded to me.
7. That I am expected to embrace Rotary's spirit of volunteerism and engage in volunteer activities from the time of scholarship application, through the term abroad, to a post-award commitment in my local community.
8. For Academic-Year Scholars:
 - a. That my scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.
 - b. To advise District 7980 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year.
9. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an institution approved by The District 7980 scholarship

committee; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of The Rotary Foundation; withdrawal from institution prior to expiration of the scholarship term; deficient knowledge of the language of the study country and institution; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to follow the directions of The District 7980 scholarship committee; or any contingency which prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship. I understand that revocation of a scholarship shall cause all payments to cease and may make me liable for the return of payments previously provided.

11. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs, districts and Rotarians are in no way liable for a scholar's personal welfare or responsible for enabling a scholar to pursue his or her studies beyond the scholarship period. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

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Before submitting your application to your local Rotary club, please be sure you have the following completed:

1. Personal information
 2. Essays
 3. Transcripts
 4. Recommendation Forms (located on pages 8-11)
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ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT for All Scholarship Applicants

The Rotary Club of

Name

City

State/Province

Country

after consideration of applicants for available scholarships, The Rotary Club of _____ proposes:

for a District Foundation Grant

Name of applicant

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and forwards this application to the appropriate district official, as instructed.

The Club Scholarship committee did did not interview this candidate.

Each recipient of a Rotary Foundation District Grant is assigned a sponsor Rotarian counselor. The sponsor counselor is a knowledgeable Rotarian who serves as a resource and mentor to the scholar before, during, and after the scholarship period.

The club president recommends the following Rotarian as sponsor counselor, should the applicant receive a scholarship:

Sponsor Counselor

NAME

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY/TOWN

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: HOME

BUSINESS

FAX

E-MAIL

NOTE: If no sponsor counselor is listed, the club president will be designated as the scholar's sponsor counselor.

NAME OF CLUB PRESIDENT (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF CLUB PRESIDENT

DATE

TELEPHONE: HOME

BUSINESS

FAX

E-MAIL

The sponsor club president is requested to make a complete photocopy of this application for club records before forwarding the application to the appropriate district official. If the applicant is chosen, it is expected that the club will support the applicant's attendance at Northeast Link scholar orientation and at District 7980 events such as the Foundation dinner and District Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION FORM for All Scholarship Applicants (Please print or type.)

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant.

Name of applicant _____

Local Rotary club/sponsor Rotarian name and address _____

I waive / do not waive my right of access to information on the reverse side of this page.

SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor or employer/supervisor.

1. How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

3. In what way would study abroad contribute to the applicant's academic or professional development?

4. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Leadership				
Initiative				
Seriousness of purpose				
Enthusiasm				
Adaptability				
Maturity				
Emotional stability				
Public speaking				
Community service				

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5. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 4.

6. Additional comments:

Name _____ Title or Position _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Institution _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please return completed evaluation to the Rotary club or sponsor Rotarian listed on the other side.
Do not send this form directly to the District 7980 Scholarship committee.