

Rotary District 7570

District Rotary Scholarship Application

Study Year: 2013/14

District 7570 Rotary Scholarships can be used to fund one year of post-baccalaureate study at a recognized university in a country other than the USA or Canada. Preference may be given to applicants planning studies that lead to sustainable, high-impact outcomes in 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.

You must complete and submit pages 1 to 4 of this form to a Rotary Club in District 7570 to sign-off on and then submit your entire application to the Scholarship Chair. All required documents must reach the District 7570 Scholarship Chair no later than 15 June 2012. You may submit by mail or electronically.

Mail to: Gail Billingsley, Rotary District 7570 Scholarship Chair, 1849 St. Andrews Circle, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

E-mail to: gailed@peoplepc.com

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Contact Information

Family name: _____ First name: _____
 Permanent address: _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Primary phone: _____
 Secondary phone: _____

Post-Secondary Educational History (List most recent first)

Name & Location of Institution	Credential & Major Earned or Expected	Date From	Date To

Relevant Employment/Volunteerism History (List most recent first)

Employer/Volunteer Organization	Title or Type of Work	Date From	Date To

Previous Experience Abroad

List all countries in which you have previously lived or studied.

Country	Circumstances	Date From	Date To

Languages Spoken

Language	Proficiency

PROPOSED Place of Study (Identify up to 3 institutions)

Name of institution 1: _____
 Location (city and country): _____
 Institution’s Web site (URL): _____

Name of institution 2: _____
 Location (city and country): _____
 Institution’s Web site (URL): _____

Name of institution 3: _____
 Location (city and country): _____
 Institution’s Web site (URL): _____

Relevance to Rotary’s Interests

With which of Rotary’s interests is the program of study aligned?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace and conflict prevention/resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic education and literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease prevention and treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic and community development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Object of Rotary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal and child health | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission of The Rotary Foundation |

SECTION 2 – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **ESSAY:** *Attach to this application a one to three page typed essay describing*
 - 1) **how your program of study relates to the selected area(s) of focus**
 - 2) **your educational and professional goals**
 - 3) **how the scholarship will help you to advance these goals**
 - 4) **personal experiences and accomplishments related to your goals.**
2. **ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT:** Form attached.
3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Form attached. Include with application (can be sealed or open)
4. **LANGUAGE ABILITY:** Form attached. ***REQUIRED ONLY IF LANGUAGE IN STUDY COUNTRY IS DIFFERENT THAN YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE.***
5. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Your most recent academic transcripts.
6. **OPTIONAL:** If you are comfortable doing so, please attach a recent photograph. It will be helpful for recognition purposes at the interviews.

SECTION 3 - APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for a District Rotary Scholarship from District 7570.

If I receive a Rotary Scholarship, I agree:

1. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship
2. That I am responsible for gaining admission at my assigned study institution, obtaining required visa(s), making appropriate travel arrangements, and completing all predeparture requirements, and that I must abide by any decisions made by Rotary District 7570 officials concerning my scholarship
3. That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing my predeparture requirements, including any application or visa fees, any required exam fees, and securing appropriate insurance coverage
4. 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 live with a companion or partner to whom I am not married during my scholarship
5. That my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than 1 July 2013, and that I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken before this date. If I study at an institution located in the Southern Hemisphere, that I will be expected to begin studies in February/March 2014.
6. 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
7. That my scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate
8. That I must advise District 7570 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year
9. That the scholarship funding of up to US\$28,000 (or equivalent) is for only those items required for my studies (such as tuition and other required fees, books, academic supplies, travel to my study location at the commencement and end of my scholarship year, accommodation and food) and must be approved by District 7570. I further understand that I will need to seek alternate sources of funding if my costs exceed this amount
10. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an institution approved by District 7570; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of District 7570; withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term; deficient knowledge of the language of the study country and institution; failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar; failure to follow the directions of District 7570 officials; failure to provide my sponsor

Rotarians, host Rotarians, and District 7570 with my current information including mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address at all times; failure to maintain regular monthly communications with my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and District 7570; or any contingency that 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, District 7570, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs 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, The Rotary Foundation and District 7570 assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature and Date

ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

The Rotary Club of _____ endorses the application and confirms the eligibility of for a District 7570 Rotary Scholarship.

The Rotary club selection committee did did not interview this candidate.

Each Scholar is assigned a Rotarian mentor from the endorsing club. The mentor must be 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 a mentor, should the applicant receive a scholarship:

Name of Mentor _____

Home Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____

E-mail _____

(Note: If no mentor 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 _____

E-mail _____

ACADEMIC/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant _____

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

1. In what capacity and how long 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				

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

6. Additional comments:

Name _____

Title or Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed evaluation to the applicant or mail or e-mail to:

Gail Billingsley, District 7570 Scholarship Chair
1849 St. Andrews Circle
Blacksburg, VA 24060

gailed@peoplepc.com

LANGUAGE ABILITY

Complete this form only if you intend to study in a country where the native language is different from your own.

Name of Applicant _____

1. For what language is this form being completed? _____
2. Summarize the formal education and training you have had in this language.
3. Summarize the informal training or experience you have had using this language.
4. If granted a scholarship in a country where this language is used, what additional language training will you undertake before departure?

Part II — To be completed by a language instructor.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. Your evaluation is based on Previous class or tutoring Other (please specify)

3. Rate the applicant's present language ability as follows:

	Superior	Good	Fair	Rudimentary
Reading				
Writing				
Comprehension (aural)				
Speaking				

4. Please comment on the applicant's ability to carry out a program of study using this language. If the applicant's command of the language is not adequate, what training would you recommend?

Name _____

Title or Position _____

Signature _____
Date _____

Please return completed evaluation to the applicant or mail or e-mail to:

**Gail Billingsley, District 7570 Scholarship Chair
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Blacksburg, VA 24060**

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Agreement

I submit the scholarship application to Rotary District 7570 for study during the predetermined academic year(s) 2013/14

I acknowledge that District 7570, should I be chosen, will provide me a scholarship as described below. If I am chosen for a scholarship, I understand and agree that:

1. 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 in the foregoing two categories.
1. My scholarship would be for direct enrollment at the approved study institution, and my award funding is intended to defray my expenses only during my scholarship period as approved by 7570. My award funding, either directly or indirectly, will cover no other person's expenses.
2. Depending on tax laws in my home and host countries, the scholarship may be taxable to me in part or in full, and I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for investigating and paying all taxes that pertain to the funding of my scholarship or otherwise result from residency in my home country.
3. I will live in the immediate vicinity of my approved study institution and in my host district so that I can participate in the Rotary club and district activities of my host district.
4. Deferral or postponement of studies after the scholarship study period has begun will not be considered or approved.
5. The duration of this scholarship is for consecutive terms within the approved scholarship period at the study institution; this scholarship is only for the graduate level (or equivalent) program(s) approved by District 7570; and under no circumstances will this scholarship be extended beyond the approved time period.
6. I will be responsible for arranging travel to and from the study institution and will follow all travel policies of District 7570.
7. I will keep my international and host sponsors advised of my current mailing address, telephone number, and email address at all times before, during and after my study period.
8. I will participate in mandatory pre-departure orientation activities offered by the sponsor Rotary club or district and club and district activities during the term of my scholarship as requested by my sponsors.

9. I will submit progress reports to my Rotary contact every 6 months for the term of my scholarship including a final report one month before completion of my scholarship period. I will send copies of my reports to my sponsoring and host Rotary clubs.
10. I will exercise good judgment in expressing opinions regarding controversial, political, racial, or religious issues so as to avoid offending others. In addition, I will abide by the local laws of my host country.
11. Rotary International (RI), TRF, my approved study institution, and any Rotary district, club, or individual Rotarian are in no way responsible for enabling me to pursue my studies beyond my scholarship period. If I choose to pursue studies beyond that period, all expenses will be my responsibility.
12. I will refrain from engaging in dangerous activities for the entirety of the scholarship period. I further confirm that I understand and agree to the following:
 - I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in and traveling to and from grant activities.
 - While participating in this scholarship, I may be involved in some dangerous activity including exposure to disease, injury, sickness, inadequate and unsafe public infrastructure, unsafe transportation, hazardous work conditions, strenuous physical activity, inclement weather, political unrest, cultural misunderstandings, issues resulting from noncompliance with local laws, physical injury or harm, and crime and fraud. I understand these risks and assume all risks involved with this scholarship.
 - I do hereby release RI/TRF/D7570 from any liability, responsibility, and obligation, either financial or otherwise, beyond providing the grant.
 - If I, because of serious illness or injury, am unable to complete the terms of this agreement and must return home, D7570 shall pay to arrange for transportation home. RI/TRF/ D7570 shall not assume any additional costs including the cost of any medical care or treatment, now or in the future.
 - I shall be solely responsible for any and all costs and damages for any illness, injury, or other loss (including loss of consortium and emotional loss) incurred or suffered participating in, traveling to or from the grant activity, or otherwise related to the provision of the grant.
13. Scholars who engage in any type of medical practice or activity including but not limited to routine medical procedures, surgical procedures, dental practice, and contact with infectious diseases are reminded they are solely responsible (including providing for adequate insurance) for any and all liability that may arise from their participation in this activity.
14. I do hereby release RI/TRF/D7570 from any liability, responsibility, and obligation, either financial or otherwise, beyond providing the scholarship, and am responsible for all costs not covered by the scholarship. I do hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless

RI/TRF/D7570 from and against all claims (including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury or property damage), demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, fines, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards and judgments asserted against or recovered from RI/TRF/D7570 arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, unlawful acts, or violations of any of the terms and conditions that apply to this scholarship. The foregoing includes, without limitation, injury or damage to the person or property of RI/TRF/D7570 or any third party, whether or not subject to any policy of insurance.

- 15 If selected for a scholarship, I will secure, for the duration of the trip, travel medical and accident insurance that includes the following *minimum* limits of benefits:
- US\$250,000 Medical care & hospitalization for basic major medical expenses, including
accident and illness expense, hospitalization, and related benefits
 - US\$50,000 Emergency medical evacuation
 - US\$20,000 Repatriation of remains

I understand that this insurance must be valid in the country(ies) that I will travel to and visit during the duration of my participation, from the date of departure through the official end of the trip.

I understand that by requiring insurance herein, RI/TRF/D7570 does not represent that these coverages and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect me. I should consult with an insurance professional to determine which coverages and limits will be adequate to cover me in the geographical location(s) visited.

I understand that RI/TRF/D7570 does not provide any type of insurance to the scholar.

16. If I, because of serious illness or injury, am unable to complete the terms of this Agreement and must return home, D7570 shall pay for transportation home. RI/TRF/D7570 shall not assume any additional costs including the cost of any medical care or treatment, now or in the future.
17. All matters concerning transportation arrangements, language training, insurance, housing, passports, visas, inoculations, and financial readiness are my personal responsibility and not that of any individual Rotarian, Rotary club or district, RI,TRF, or D7570.
18. I will abide by all D7570 decisions related to travel safety. Therefore, if D7570 determines, in its sole discretion, at any point in the scholarship period that my safety in the country where I am studying could be or is at risk, D7570 may require that I return home immediately. In such instances, I agree further to abide by D7570's decision as to the subsequent availability of my scholarship.

19. Any actions of mine that result in the following situations will be properly construed as sufficient grounds for revocation of my scholarship: (a) failure to complete all pre-departure requirements in a timely manner; (b) failure to keep my sponsoring club and district advised of my current mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address at all times; (c) failure to maintain good academic standing pursuant to university standards throughout the scholarship period; (d) evidence of misconduct; (e) failure to submit reports on time; (f) change in course of study or program without the written consent of D7570; (g) withdrawal from the institution or course of study or program of training prior to the expiration of the term of the award; (h) failure to remain in the approved host district for the duration of the scholarship award; (i) deficient knowledge of the local language in the country of study; (j) failure to adequately fulfill the terms and conditions of this agreement, or other D7570 policies; and (k) any contingency preventing me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship. My host or international district(s) may also request that my scholarship be revoked on any of the above grounds.
- 20 If I terminate my scholarship, or if my scholarship is terminated by D7570, I forfeit all rights to any additional D7570 funding and will return any unused portion of my award.

Please confirm the following:

- I have read and agree to the above Terms and Conditions of the Rotary District Grants
- I meet the medical requirements for international travel and all grant activities during the scholarship period.
- I understand that I am required to secure travel medical and accident insurance as outlined in the scholar agreement and that I must provide details about these coverages in the emergency contact section above. I understand that this insurance must be valid for all countries visited during the scholarship period.
- I understand that Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 7570 do not provide any type of insurance to scholars.
- I release Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 7570 from any and all liability with regard to my involvement in this scholarship, should I be accepted.

Name (please print): _____

Signature (mandatory): _____

Date: _____