

ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

News Flash: The Rotary Club of Louisville seeks outstanding candidates to sponsor for this life-changing experience!

Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and 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 a greater understanding of their host country.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships provide a flat grant of US\$25,000 for one academic year of study in another country. These awards are intended to help defray costs associated with round-trip transportation, tuition and other fees, room and board, and some educational supplies. They are the most common type of Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Interested applicants must apply for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships through their local Rotary club. For 2011-12 academic-year awards, candidates are invited to submit applications to the Rotary Club of Louisville by March 1, 2010. The Rotary Club of Louisville office is located at 401 West Main Street, Suite 810, Louisville, KY 40202; telephone 502-589-1800; email rotary@rotary45.org. Candidates are urged to contact the Club for guidance prior to submitting the application.

Additional information about the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program and the application form may be found at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee Timeline 2009-2010

August – March	Committee recruits and mentors candidates
March 1, 2010	Deadline for candidates to submit official application to Club
March 8-24	Committee interviews and coaches candidates; selects up to three candidates to sponsor for District consideration
April 1, 2010 Club	Deadline for District to receive sponsored applications from Club
April 24, 2010	District interviews for sponsored candidates in Elizabethtown

The ideal Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate:

- 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
- Is interested in participating in and possibly identifying Rotary service projects while abroad
- 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 and world peace
- Has thoroughly researched his/her preferred study institution, including alternative locations
- Is willing to study in a country that typically does not host Ambassadorial Scholars
- Is interested in a study field that has a direct impact on the humanitarian needs of the world
- 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