

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Purpose	To increase <i>international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries</i> and thereby contribute to the larger service goals of Rotary International.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Any country where Rotary is active (almost 170 countries). Any number of schools and/or programs of study are eligible. Applicants rank five options for their destination (Rotary seeks global distribution for its scholars). Must study outside your home country.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Around 800 (from about 70 countries). Scholars are selected by individual districts. Several districts in Kansas make one or more Rotary Ambassadorial awards. \$25,000.
<i>Duration</i>	One academic year. Students can earn a degree but it is not expected.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	Citizen of any country where Rotary is active. Applicants cannot be Rotarians, honorary Rotarians, Rotary employees or their spouses. Nor can applicants be lineal descendants of active Rotarians or their spouses.
<i>When</i>	Students may apply as early as the sophomore year. Graduate students and alumni are also eligible. Students often apply spring semester of their junior year (in NE Kansas District) in order to study abroad the academic year after graduation.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Looking for maturity and social skills. Record of service to others. Evidence of ability to cultivate goodwill abroad. Proficient in language of host country. Good rationale for study abroad and program options. Strong interview with Rotary. Should probably have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
Campus Deadline	January usually if applying in the NE Kansas District. But students can apply directly to home district in some instances (usually later).
Deadline	Please consult with the campus coordinators well before the campus deadline. District deadlines vary . . . even within Kansas.
Application	Application form. Several essays. Resume. Language ability form. Must also submit essays in language of host country if not English. Two letters of reference (with specific form). Transcripts.
Contact	The Rotary Coordinators are Steven Graham at 143 Waters Hall or (785) 532-6147 and Rebecca Gould at 212 Hale Library or (785) 532-2298.
Other	Rotary applicants should also look at the Fulbright. It also funds an academic year of postbaccalaureate study and/or research and is tenable in most countries. Obtain more information at: www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/ridefault.aspx