



2008-09 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Application

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES for Ambassadorial Scholarships

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

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- 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
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Encouraging Rotarians worldwide to increase the educational opportunities for scholars from low-income countries
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

Candidates should consider these program objectives carefully before applying and be prepared to explain in their essays and during the interview process how their study plans will support the objectives. **For example, scholars can contribute to impacting all areas of the world through balanced geographical distribution of scholars by being flexible in their preferred study institutions.** Scholars are encouraged to request to study in countries that host relatively few scholars, such as Japan, Korea, Scandinavia, and developing nations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and South America. Other ways of demonstrating support of the objectives include a commitment to community service or international humanitarian service and to long-term involvement with Rotary International.

Scholars are encouraged to support program objectives by choosing a study field that will help address the humanitarian needs of the world community, such as health care, children at risk, concern for the aging, literacy and numeracy, population issues, urban concerns, disabled persons, international understanding and goodwill, poverty and hunger, PolioPlus, or environmental awareness. 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 an Ambassadorial Scholarship, you will be expected to participate in the following activities:

- Attend any orientation programs organized by your sponsor and host Rotary districts; failure to attend may result in forfeiture of the award. Orientation will include training on how to develop and make presentations. See www.rotary.org for details.
- Before 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 do not reside in your sponsor district, attend Rotary club meetings and Rotary events, and present at least one talk to a Rotary forum in your area.
- Make yourself available for and encourage media interviews at home and abroad.
- 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. (In the case of Academic-Year and Multi-Year scholarships, present at least 10 to 15 talks and attend the district conference.)
- Submit required reports to The Rotary Foundation describing your academic progress and Rotary activities, including completion of the final report one month before completing your scholarship period. Funds will be withheld until required reports are received.
- **Maintain communication with your sponsor and host Rotarians before, during, and after your study period. Upon completion of your studies, contact your sponsor Rotary club or club in your area of residence to offer to attend Rotary club or district meetings to share your ambassadorial experience and participate in Foundation alumni activities. Also, seek out opportunities for participation in activities of your sponsor club and district.**
- Present at least eight talks to Rotary and non-Rotary audiences after you return home.
- If you receive an endowed or named Ambassadorial Scholarship (one that is funded by an individual donor or group of donors), you will have additional duties. Please contact your sponsor Rotary club and or district for additional details.
- Register contact information with Alumni Relations at The Rotary Foundation, keeping your address, telephone number, and e-mail address updated at all times.

**Please note: "Sponsor" refers to the Rotary club, district, or Rotarians from the home country where the application was submitted and selection is made. "Host" refers to the Rotary club, district, or Rotarians from the study country where the scholar is assigned to study.*

INSTRUCTIONS for Academic-Year & Multi-Year Scholarship Applicants

Applicants for Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships, see instructions on page 13.

Before completing this application form, **please read the details related to Ambassadorial Scholarships on the Rotary International Web site at www.rotary.org**. If you do not have access to our Web site, please contact your local club or district to request the *Ambassadorial Scholarships Leaflet* (publication 132). **You must submit this completed application form and all supplementary sheets to a Rotary club in your legal or permanent residence area or place of full-time study or employment.** Please check with the local club to determine the availability of scholarships and application deadlines. You should be prepared for personal interviews at the discretion of the sponsor Rotarians at both the club and district levels.

Essays

Please prepare the following documents with your name and the name of the sponsor Rotary club in the upper right-hand corner. Submit your own translation (typed) of Essays 1 and 2 into the language of the study countries where the native language is not your own.

1. A brief autobiography, no longer than two pages (excluding translation), describing:
 - Academic strengths and challenges
 - Work experience
 - Career objectives
2. A detailed statement of intent, no longer than three pages (excluding translation), describing:
 - Your reasons for applying for a scholarship
 - Your proposed field of study and future career plans, including an explanation of how these plans will support The Rotary Foundation's mission to further world understanding and peace and contribute to furthering the objectives outlined on page 1
 - Your reasoning used to determine your preferred study countries and study institutions and how they support your goals for serving as an ambassador of goodwill
 - A community service project or activity you intend to carry out while abroad, possibly in conjunction with a Rotary club
3. A list, no longer than one page, summarizing principal interests and activities, noting those in which you have held leadership positions. Indicate any training or experience in public speaking and community service involvement.

Language Ability Form(s)

If you list study institutions in countries where the native language is different from your own, you must have a Language Ability Form completed by a language teacher **for each applicable language**. Even if your course of study is taught in your native language, you should complete a form, as proficiency in the country's native language is a requirement of the scholarship and is required to fulfill your ambassadorial duties. One form is provided in this application (pages 6-7). Please include TOEFL scores with the application.

If an additional Language Ability Form is needed to document your proficiency in a second foreign language, please make a photocopy. ***Failure to demonstrate language proficiency may result in rejection of your application.*** Indicate your ability to read, write, and speak the language (if different from your own) of each country in which you propose to study. Fill out Section I of the Language Ability Form, and have a language instructor fill out Section II.

Recommendation Forms

Applicants should complete Section I and have two academic instructors or appropriate employers/supervisors complete Section II of the Recommendation Forms on pages 8-9 and 10-11, respectively, of this application. You should inform educators or employers/supervisors completing these recommendations of the purpose of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship.

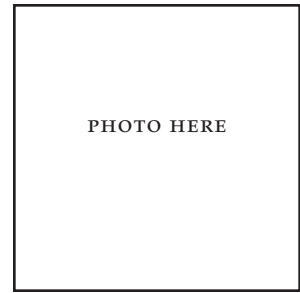
Transcripts

Provide original transcripts from all post-secondary colleges or universities attended.

BE SURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL CLUB. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



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Please check the scholarship type for which you are applying (check one only):

- Academic-Year Scholarship**
 Multi-Year Scholarship
 Cultural Scholarship
 3-Month 6-Month

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 2008-09 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; applications submitted directly to The Rotary Foundation will not be considered.*

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

Name in full:

FAMILY NAME

FIRST, MIDDLE, AND OTHER NAMES

- 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 (WEB-BASED PREFERRED. E.G., HOTMAIL, YAHOO, ETC.)

TELEPHONE (ALTERNATE)

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Emergency contact:

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

Proposed field of study for Academic-Year and Multi-Year awards only (field of study with a humanitarian impact preferred)

How did you find out about The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program?

For Office Use Only: D- _____ Pg Code _____ SD _____ ID# _____ Comp Inc _____

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. _____
NAME OF INSTITUTION CITY/TOWN STATE/PROVINCE COUNTRY

DATES ATTENDED (MONTH AND YEAR) FIELD OF STUDY SPECIFY DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED

2. _____
NAME OF INSTITUTION CITY/TOWN STATE/PROVINCE COUNTRY

DATES ATTENDED (MONTH AND YEAR) FIELD OF STUDY SPECIFY DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED

Secondary school (name and location) Dates attended (month and year) 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 Yes No

Previous Experience Abroad

Please list all countries in which you have previously lived or studied for more than one month after the age of 10. Include any countries in which you plan to live or study after application but before the 2008-09 study year. **Information not included in this section that is discovered later could disqualify a candidate.**

State/Province Country Dates Duration of stay in months Circumstances

Restriction Based on Scholar's Previous Experience in the Requested Study Country

The Ambassadorial Scholarship is intended to promote study in a location that is new to the scholar. Scholars may not be assigned to an institution where they have attended, currently attend, or will attend before the start of the scholarship study period. Scholars will not be assigned to areas of a country where they have previously lived for more than six months before the scholarship period. The term "area" relates only to the following countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Italy, United Kingdom and Ireland, and United States. For all other countries, if a scholar has lived or studied in any part of a country for more than six months, assignment to that country will not be considered.

STUDY INSTITUTIONS for Academic-Year & Multi-Year Scholarship Applicants

Please read carefully before proceeding.

In placing scholars in study institutions worldwide, The Rotary Foundation Trustees *aim* for an equitable geographic distribution. Therefore, **candidates must be flexible with their preferred study institutions.** You are expected to have thoroughly researched these institutions to determine if they offer your program of study and what funds, in addition to the scholarship, would be required to meet costs associated with your studies. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where total costs exceed the flat grant amount will be responsible for covering costs beyond that amount.

Restrictions:

- All applicants must list five institutions in at least three countries. All countries listed must contain a Rotary club and cannot be the applicant's sponsoring country. Rotary clubs can be found in more than 160 countries. **(Note: If you are applying for an endowed or named scholarship, the study institutions and countries to which you may seek admission may be limited. Consult your local Rotary club for instructions on listing the institutions to which your scholarship is restricted.)**
- List no more than two institutions in any one country.
- All institutions listed must be located in different cities.
- Study fields that limit the applicant to one study institution or country may make it impossible to assign a preferred institution and may result in rejection of the application.
- The scholarship may not be used in conjunction with a "study abroad" program operated by an institution other than the assigned institution.
- **Applicants should not request assignment to an institution where they will already be enrolled before the scholarship year. Scholars will not be assigned to areas of a country where they have previously lived or studied for more than six months before the scholarship year, as defined on page 4.**
- Scholars should plan to begin studies at the start of the academic year of the assigned institution. If you are assigned to an institution located in the Southern Hemisphere, you will be expected to begin your scholarship period in February/March 2009. Studies cannot begin before 1 July 2008.
- It is your responsibility to apply directly and gain admission to the assigned study institution and be able to provide evidence of sufficient funding to meet any financial requirements beyond the amount of the scholarship.
- Applicants requesting assignments to popular cities should understand that it is likely the Foundation Trustees will find it necessary to assign them to institutions located outside these areas. If you select institutions in these popular areas, your application will be held for assignment in November 2007. If you have obtained an admission letter for study during the 2008-09 year in a popular location, please include it with this application. Popular cities include London, Oxford, Paris, New York, Madrid, and Sydney.

Institutions listed will be considered equally for assignment regardless of placement in the list. If five institutions are not listed, the application may be rejected and returned to the sponsor district. An assignment will not be considered until the applicant has listed five institutions.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees reserve the right to assign scholars to any institution listed below or another suitable institution. Because the Foundation scholarships are not intended to fund continued studies at a particular institution, do not list any study institutions you have attended or will attend before beginning your Rotary scholarship in 2008-09. Information discovered later regarding the amount of time spent studying or living in the same area as the assigned study institution could invalidate the study institution assignment. Applicants are encouraged to list study institutions in regions that do not host many scholars, i.e., low-income countries. Please see www.rotary.org for details.

Name of institution*	Degree program (Multi-Year applicants only)	Web site address	City, State/Province	Country
• _____				
• _____				
• _____				
• _____				
• _____				

* Please type names of institutions as spelled in the native language of the institution (e.g., Universidad de Madrid and not University of Madrid).

LANGUAGE ABILITY FORM for Academic-Year & Multi-Year Scholarship Applicants

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant. (Please type.)

Complete this form if any of the institutions listed on page 5 are located in countries where the native language is different from your own.

Name of applicant _____

Rotary club/sponsor Rotarian name and address _____

I waive do not waive my right to access information in Section II of the Language Ability Form.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

1. For what language is this form being completed? English (Please submit TOEFL score with application)
 French German Japanese Spanish
 Other _____
PLEASE SPECIFY

2. Summarize the formal post-secondary level training you have had in this language. Begin with the most recent:

Dates (month and year)	Average	Grade	Name
From To	hours per week	(if applicable)	of institution

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?

5. Candidates whose native language is not English and who propose to study in an English-speaking country should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) before submitting this application. A minimum 94 Internet-based, 240 computer-based, or 587 paper-based TOEFL score is required to pass The Rotary Foundation's English proficiency requirement. If you cannot obtain a "TOEFL Bulletin of Information" locally, you may request one by writing to: TOEFL Publications, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA, or by going to www.toefl.org. (TOEFL scores are not required for Cultural Scholarship applicants.)

If you have not yet received your TOEFL score, please arrange to have it sent to The Rotary Foundation (institutional code 9386) as soon as possible.

Applicants who propose to study in a non-English-speaking country will receive specific information concerning their language test at a later date.

SECTION II – To be completed by a language instructor. *(Please type.)*

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comprehension (aural)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 _____

Institution _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

*Please return completed evaluation to the Rotary club or sponsor Rotarian listed on the previous page.
Do not send this form directly to The Rotary Foundation.*

RECOMMENDATION FORM for All Scholarship Applicants *(Please type.)*

SECTION I – To be completed by the applicant.

Name of applicant _____

Rotary club/sponsor Rotarian name and address _____

I waive do not waive my right to access information on the Recommendation Form.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

SECTION 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seriousness of purpose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 _____

Institution _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

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Do not send this form directly to The Rotary Foundation.*

RECOMMENDATION FORM for All Scholarship Applicants *(Please type.)*

SECTION I – To be completed by the applicant.

Name of applicant _____

Rotary club/sponsor Rotarian name and address _____

I waive do not waive my right to access information on the Recommendation Form.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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

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Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name _____ Title or Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Institution _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

*Please return completed evaluation to the Rotary club or sponsor Rotarian listed on the previous page.
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APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION for Academic-Year & Multi-Year Scholarship Applicants

I hereby apply for an Academic-Year Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship from The Rotary Foundation. 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 Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, I agree:

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the ambassadorial responsibilities outlined on page 1 of this application 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 predeparture 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 predeparture 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 nonmarried companion.
6. That my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than 1 July 2008, and I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken before this date. **That once my scholarship has been approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I cannot change the type of scholarship awarded to me (e.g., Academic-Year to Multi-Year Scholarship).**
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:**
 - That my scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.
 - That I must advise The Rotary Foundation of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year.
 - That the scholarship funding is for only those items currently described on the Rotary International Web site to a flat grant amount of US\$23,000 or its equivalent. I further understand that I will need to seek alternate sources of funding if I am assigned to an institution where costs exceed this amount.
 - That in case my native language is not that of my assigned study country, I will need to pass a language proficiency exam determined by the Foundation.
9. **For Multi-Year Scholars:**
 - That the scholarship is intended to help supplement costs related to the pursuit of only one degree at one study institution, in the amount of US\$11,500 or its equivalent per year for two years.
 - That I will receive no additional funding for any other expenses including round-trip transportation.
 - That a Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship is not intended to cover all costs and that I will be responsible for all costs beyond the specific grant amount.
 - That in case my native language is not that of my assigned study country, I will need to pass a language proficiency exam determined by The Rotary Foundation.
10. **For Endowed and Named Scholars:** That I will fulfill the additional requirements of endowed and named scholars as communicated to me by my sponsor club and district.
11. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an institution approved by The Rotary Foundation; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of the Foundation; withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term; deficient knowledge of the language of the study country and institution; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar; failure to follow the directions of the Foundation Trustees; failure to provide my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and the Foundation 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 the Foundation; 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.
12. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, 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 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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Applicants for the Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship do not need to submit Language Ability Forms. **Please note that this scholarship is designed to fund intensive language training only, is not appropriate for study of a language that you already speak fluently, and is not meant for academic studies other than language study.**

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:
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2. A detailed statement of intent, no longer than three pages, describing:
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Transcripts

Provide original transcripts from all post-secondary colleges or universities attended.

- Applicants must have completed two years of university- or college-level course work or employment when the scholarship begins
- Applicants for Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships must have studied the proposed language(s) for at least one year at the college level or its equivalent.

Describe your previous study of and level of proficiency in the language(s) you propose to study:

BE SURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL CLUB. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE STUDY for Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship Applicants

For 2008-09, Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships are available for study of the following languages in the countries listed below.

Indicate your preferred language and study location below. If you choose more than one language, please indicate the order of your preference (first, second, etc.). Scholars will not be assigned to areas of a country where they have previously lived or studied for more than six months, as defined on page 4. **For reasons of geographic distribution of scholars, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reserve the right to assign Cultural Ambassadorial Scholars to an appropriate language training institution in a country other than that of the scholar's preference.**

1. _____ ARABIC _____ Egypt
2. _____ ENGLISH _____ Australia _____ Canada _____ New Zealand
 _____ United Kingdom _____ United States
3. _____ FRENCH _____ Belgium _____ Canada (Quebec) _____ France _____ Senegal
4. _____ GERMAN _____ Austria _____ Germany
5. _____ ITALIAN _____ Italy
6. _____ JAPANESE _____ Japan
7. _____ KOREAN _____ Korea
8. _____ MANDARIN CHINESE _____ Taiwan
9. _____ POLISH _____ Poland
10. _____ PORTUGUESE _____ Brazil _____ Portugal
11. _____ RUSSIAN _____ Russia
12. _____ SPANISH _____ Costa Rica _____ Ecuador _____ Mexico
 _____ Spain _____ Venezuela
13. _____ SWAHILI _____ Tanzania
14. _____ SWEDISH _____ Sweden

Note: Applicants interested in studying a foreign language not listed above may submit a proposal for consideration by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. If you wish to pursue this option, contact your local Rotary district scholarships subcommittee chair, who will consult with Rotary Foundation staff about petition requirements.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION for Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship Applicants

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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 language training institution, obtaining required visa(s), making appropriate travel arrangements, and completing all predeparture 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 predeparture requirements, including any application or visa fees, any required exam fees, and securing appropriate insurance coverage.
5. That study should generally not begin before 1 July 2008 unless expressed, written approval is granted by The Rotary Foundation in advance. No funding will be released for studies completed before the approved start date.
6. That the primary purpose of a Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is to gain proficiency in a foreign language and to contribute to international understanding through study abroad.
7. That The Rotary Foundation Trustees will designate an appropriate language training institution for my study and reserve the right to assign me to any institution in a country where the language I wish to study is the native language.
8. That where available, I will stay with one or more host families assigned by the language training institution. That due to the homestay expectations of this award, I cannot be accompanied by family members or others during the scholarship period. That the scholarship funding is for only those items currently described on the Rotary International Web site and is a flat grant amount of US\$10,000 for a three-month scholarship or \$15,000 for a six-month scholarship. That once my scholarship has been approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I cannot change the type or duration of the scholarship awarded to me.
9. 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.
10. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, 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 and The Rotary Foundation assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.
11. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my failure to enroll at a language training institution designated by The Rotary Foundation; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required report on time; change in study program without consent of the Foundation; withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term; failure to adequately discharge ambassadorial duties; failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar; failure to follow the directions of the Foundation Trustees; failure to provide my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and the Foundation 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 the Foundation; 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.
12. **For Endowed and Named Scholars:** That I will fulfill the additional requirements of endowed and named scholars as communicated to me by my sponsor club and district.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT for All Scholarship Applicants

The Rotary Club of _____
NAME

CITY STATE/PROVINCE COUNTRY

after consideration of _____ applicants for _____ available scholarships, proposes
(indicate number) (indicate number)

NAME OF APPLICANT _____ for a Rotary Foundation

Academic-Year Scholarship Multi-Year Scholarship Cultural Scholarship
 3-Month 6-Month

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

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

Each recipient of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship 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

HOME TELEPHONE BUSINESS TELEPHONE

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

HOME TELEPHONE BUSINESS TELEPHONE

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.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE INTERVIEW REPORT

Number of clubs in your district that submitted endorsed applications for this scholarship: _____

Total number of applications received by your district for this scholarship: _____

The district scholarships subcommittee did did not interview this candidate.

1. After interviewing this candidate, what qualities and personal characteristics did the committee feel would enable him/her to be an outstanding ambassador of goodwill? In what ways did the candidate demonstrate knowledge and perception of both sponsor and proposed host countries?

2. In what ways will selection of this candidate help to further the Ambassadorial Scholarships program objectives?

3. If this applicant is applying for an Academic-Year or Multi-Year Scholarship, does the committee feel that he/she has the ability to carry out intensive study and speaking obligations in the listed study country(ies) without further language instruction? Why?

4. What was unique about this candidate?

The district scholarships subcommittee is requested to make a complete photocopy of this application for its records before forwarding the application to The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT

We certify that we have explained the following to the candidate, according to the scholarship type awarded:

For ALL Scholarship Applicants

1. That The Rotary Foundation places equal priority on selecting outstanding scholars to act as ambassadors of goodwill as well as scholars who will carry out their academic studies with distinction.
2. That the final decision and assignment to a study institution and country rests with the the Foundation Trustees. As the sponsor district, we endorse assignment to any of the preferences listed by the scholar or any other institution deemed suitable by the Foundation Trustees. We also encourage scholars to consider educational opportunities in countries that host few Ambassadorial Scholars on a regular basis.
3. Each scholar's obligations to the sponsor and host districts before, during, and after the scholarship.
4. That he/she is responsible for securing admission to the assigned study institution.
5. That he/she is required to attend any orientation seminar organized by the sponsor and host Rotary districts, when offered and that failure to attend may result in forfeiture of the award if a valid reason is not offered. Also, that the seminar will provide training on how to develop and make speeches and presentations.
6. That at this stage he/she remains only a candidate and that the Foundation Trustees will select the actual Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients following submission of district-endorsed candidate applications to the Foundation.
7. That he/she is 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 his/her local community.

For Academic-Year & Multi-Year Scholarship Applicants

1. **Regarding the scholarship year:**
 - That study should commence at the beginning of the assigned study institution's academic year.
 - That scholars assigned to institutions located in the Southern Hemisphere will be expected to begin scholarship studies in February/March 2009, according to the academic calendar of the assigned institution.
 - That no study can begin before 1 July 2008 and no funding will be issued for study before this date.
 - That the candidate must return to the sponsor district at the end of the scholarship period.
2. **Academic-Year only:**
 - That the scholarship provides a flat grant amount of US\$23,000 (or its equivalent) that is meant to defray the costs to pursue study at the assigned study institution such as round-trip transportation, tuition, some books and supplies, and reasonable room and board. Should a scholar request and be assigned to an institution where costs exceed \$23,000, it will be the scholar's responsibility to pay costs above that limit.
 - That the scholarship is intended to defray costs only during the regular academic year (usually nine months) of the assigned study institution.
3. **Multi-Year only:**
 - That the scholarship provides funds only to help defray costs related to the pursuit of a degree in the amount of US\$11,500 or its equivalent per year for two years. We have further explained to the applicant that he/she will be responsible for supplementing the scholarship with personal funds to cover all costs above that amount.
 - That the award is intended to cover only one degree at one institution and that the candidate should not begin his/her course of study toward this degree before the start of the scholarship period.

For Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship Applicants

1. That the scholarship may only be used to pursue the study of a foreign language at the language training institution assigned by the Trustees, and that the candidate is responsible for securing admission to this institution.
2. That the scholarship provides a flat grant amount of US\$10,000 for three-month scholarships and \$15,000 for six-month scholarships, and is meant to defray costs to pursue language study at the assigned language institution such as round-trip transportation, language training fees, some books and supplies, and reasonable room and board only.
3. That he or she will be living with host families where possible and should conduct himself or herself in an appropriate manner. It is not appropriate for Cultural Scholars to be accompanied by family members during the study period.
4. That the study period is for either three or six months and should not begin before 1 July 2008.

For Endowed and Named Scholarship Applicants

1. Any special restrictions the donor(s) placed on field or location of study.
2. The additional obligations of endowed and named scholars as communicated to us by The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT, continued

We endorse _____ to receive a Rotary Foundation:
NAME OF CANDIDATE

- Academic-Year Scholarship Multi-Year Scholarship Cultural Scholarship
 3-Month 6-Month

Please check the **funding source** for this scholarship:

- District Designated Fund Named _____ Endowed _____

If your district is submitting this application for a scholarship to be considered for the **Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries world competition**, please check here.

We endorse this candidate for the award specified and certify that we have explained to the candidate the terms of the scholarship outlined on the previous page. The district governor-elect has been informed of this endorsement.

NAME OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR (PLEASE PRINT) _____ DISTRICT _____

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR _____ DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

NAME OF ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR (PLEASE PRINT) _____ DISTRICT _____

SIGNATURE OF ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR _____ DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

OPTIONAL

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR (PLEASE PRINT) _____ DISTRICT _____

SIGNATURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR _____ DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

APPLIES ONLY TO SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT OR TO AN ENDOWED OR A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP DONATED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT. (To be completed by the governor of the donating district)

This scholarship is donated by District _____ to District _____.

A total of _____ applications were submitted by the receiving district and reviewed by the donating district. The scholarships subcommittee of the donating district endorses this candidate.

GOVERNOR OF DONATING DISTRICT (PLEASE PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

BE SURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION

STOP

Before you send applications to The Rotary Foundation, be sure you have:

1. Confirmed with the Foundation that there is a sufficient amount available in the District Designated Fund to cover the award or that an appropriate source of funding (e.g., Donated Scholarship, Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries) is available for this scholarship
2. Checked off the appropriate funding source on page 19
3. Obtained the sponsor Rotary club endorsement on page 16, including the sponsor counselor assignment
4. Completed the district interview and endorsement sections
5. Confirmed that all essays, translations, transcripts, Recommendation Forms, and Language Ability Forms are enclosed
6. Made a copy of the application for your files

Forward the complete application with club and district endorsement to:

**Resource Development Department
Educational Programs
The Rotary Foundation
of Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA**