

**PROCESS
FOR SELECTING DISTRICT 6580'S GLOBAL SCHOLAR
2017-18**

1. Candidates initially apply for the \$40,000 Global Grant Scholarship through a District 6580 (Southern Indiana) Rotary Club. After interviewing the applicant, the club will complete a club endorsement form and will send the application and form to District 6580 Scholarship Chair Jim Bright (jbright48167@yahoo.com). Deadline for submitting an application to the District Scholarship Chair is Sunday, December 31, 2017.
2. On Saturday, January 27, 2018 the District Scholarship Committee will interview finalist Global Grant Scholarship candidates and will select one scholar to be nominated to The Rotary Foundation for a final decision. To be considered, applicants must attend an interview at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington on January 27, 2018.
3. Scholarship Committee members are responsible for selecting the proposed recipient of District 6580 Global Grant Scholarship and for forwarding the application to The Rotary Foundation. Once approved by The Rotary Foundation, the selected scholar will receive up to a total of \$40,000 for one to four years, starting with the 2018-19 academic year.

Current Scholarship Committee members:

- * Jim Bright, Chair
- * Harriett Akins-Banman, New Albany
- * Dan DeBard, Terre Haute
- * Emily Metzgar, Bloomington
- * Matt Hanka, Evansville
- * Judy Bush, District Governor
- * Sue Wright, District Governor-Elect
- * Santhana Naidu, District Governor-Nominee
- * Laura Carie, District Foundation Chair
- * Josh Zuerner, District Global Grants Chair
- * Peggy Peter, District Foundations Team
- * Bettye Dunham, District Foundations Team
- * Jean Dayton, District Foundations Team

4. The Committee's work is concluded when the District's nominee is informed that he/she has been awarded the Global Grant Scholarship, arrangements are finalized with the Host Club, and the scholars' pre-departure orientation has been completed. Committee members stay in touch with the Global Scholar during the period of study overseas and following his/her return home.

5. The Committee's tasks include updating the Global Scholarship material on District 6580's website and promoting the scholarship to colleges within District 6580's footprint, the District's Rotary Clubs, and other sources of candidates. The Committee expects to recruit a sizeable pool of outstanding applicants by December 31, 2017.
6. The District website (www.rotary6580.org) provides information about Rotary's Global Grant Scholarship Program, eligibility requirements, documents and forms, and a description of the application process.
7. Candidates must be endorsed by a District 6580 Rotary Club. See district website.
8. Applications must be submitted to Jim Bright, District Scholarship Committee Chair (jbright48167@yahoo.com) by December 31, 2017.

In addition to the official form, applications include:

- * Three letters of recommendation
- * A preliminary budget
- * A signed Club Endorsement form
- * A Letter of Acceptance from the overseas university of the candidate's choice

In lieu of a Letter of Acceptance, the Committee will accept a Letter of Affiliation from the university indicating that the applicant has applied and meets the institution's minimum qualifications, but that a final decision has not been made.

The Chair will review all applications to make sure they are complete. The accepted applications will then be distributed to members of the Committee for review. The Chair is responsible for resolving all issues raised by Committee members.

9. The Committee will convene on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Bloomington to meet candidates it has invited to interview. Candidates who want to be considered are required to attend an interview.
10. After holding interviews, the Committee will select the candidate it wishes to nominate for the Global Scholarship and an alternate. The current Rotary District 6580 Governor and Rotary District 6580 Foundation Committee Chair are required to sign off on the Committee's decisions before the nominee's Global Scholarship application material can be submitted to The Rotary Foundation. Nominees are given 10 business days to accept or decline the District's offer of a Global Scholarship. Scholars who accept a Rotary Global Scholarship cannot accept another scholarship at the same time.
11. The Committee is required to document for The Rotary Foundation the process by which applications were generated, candidates were selected, and how/why the nominees were chosen.

12. As soon as possible following the selection and District approval of our Global Scholarship nominees, the scholar will prepare his/her applications for submission to The Rotary Foundation who makes the final decision in every case.

Within three weeks of receiving a scholar's application material and the authorizing signatures of District 6580 officials and representatives of the Host Rotary Club/District, The Rotary Foundation notifies the scholar of its decisions.

If a nominee is not approved by TRF, no scholarship is awarded. Most Global Scholarship applications that are not approved by TRF are rejected because an applicant's plan of study or stated career goals was not sufficiently centered on one of Rotary's Six Humanitarian Areas of Focus.

After a nominee is approved by TRF, the scholar and District 6580 contact a Rotary Club in the city where the scholar will study and arrange for the club to be the scholar's host.

13. The Global Grant Scholarship application to TRF is the funding process. No additional funding support is requested of an endorsing Rotary Club. Half of the \$40,000 that funds the Global Scholarship is provided by TRF World Fund and half comes from District 6580's Designated Funds.

Scholarship funds are transferred by TRF to a bank account in Indiana designated specifically for District 6580's Global Scholarship and overseen by the Chair and committee member, Jim Bright.

The Chair is responsible for disbursing funds to the scholar and ensuring timely and accurate reporting. At the end of the scholar's study experience, the scholar is responsible for submitting a final narrative and financial report to TRF. It is always possible that an audit will ensue.

14. It is expected that Global Scholars will participate in the life of their Host Rotary Club and, after returning home, will be willing to share their experiences as a Global Scholar with Rotary clubs in District 6580.

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