

THE ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
in peace and conflict resolution

A PROGRAM GUIDE FOR ROTARIANS



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I.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This *Program Guide for Rotarians* is a reference book for the Rotary Centers for International Studies and the Rotary World Peace Scholarships. It includes information on the history and goals of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, selection criteria, program funding, applicant recruitment, and program promotion in your community, club, and district.

Prospective applicants are eager to learn more about the Rotary World Peace Scholarships and to assess the relevance of the program to their career goals. As interest in the program grows, increasing numbers of prospective applicants will contact local Rotary clubs and districts to start the application process. The success of the program depends on the response of Rotarians to these applicants. Focusing on the unique aspects of the Rotary Centers program — *especially promotion and selection* — this guide outlines strategies for success in finding qualified candidates.

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution present a unique opportunity for all Rotary districts to participate in a major educational and peace priority of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians will find this program guide to be a useful tool when working with their scholarships subcommittees to select candidates for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships.

II.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Rotarians have long dreamed of creating a Rotary-sponsored academy to promote world understanding and peace. Over the past 25 years, a variety of initiatives have been proposed to make this dream a reality. In 1996 under the leadership of Trustee Chairman Rajendra Saboo, a committee was formed to consider the concept of an educational center, institute, or university dedicated to Paul Harris as a way of commemorating the 50th anniversary of his death in 1947. Comprised of four Rotarians with professional backgrounds and experience in higher education, this

committee explored a variety of academic models and ultimately recommended the creation of “Paul Harris Centers for International Studies” at several universities worldwide where scholars would obtain a two-year graduate degree focusing on issues related to international relations, conflict resolution, and peace studies. The Trustees adopted this proposal in principle and appointed a committee of Rotarians to fully develop the plan.

Over the next two years this committee created a conceptual plan for the centers, reviewed university proposals, and conducted site visits at universities interested in hosting a center. In April 1999, the Trustees approved the plan to partner with eight universities to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Because Paul Harris’s name is not well known outside of the Rotary world, the program was called the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, a name designed to increase public awareness of Rotary’s commitment to peace.

The Rotary Centers Committee considered more than 100 universities and based their final recommendations to the Trustees on such specific criteria as geographic diversity, the university’s willingness to work with The Rotary Foundation, superior faculty and curriculum, and an established degree program with a core curriculum in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

III.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution support the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further world understanding and peace in the following ways:

- Advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues related to peace, goodwill, causes of conflict and world understanding.
- Provide advanced international educational opportunities for Rotary World Peace Scholars chosen from different countries and cultures on the basis of their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions.

- Provide a means for The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding.

Up to 70 Rotary World Peace Scholarships are offered annually on a world-competitive basis for study at one of the seven Rotary Centers. Rotary World Peace Scholars complete master's degrees or graduate certificates in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas. Through their unique and diverse interdisciplinary programs, the seven Rotary Centers provide academic and practical training to prepare Rotary World Peace Scholars for leadership roles in solving the many problems that contribute to conflict around the world.

IV.

THE ROTARY CENTERS UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

There are *seven* Rotary Centers for International Studies involving *eight* universities:

- Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (*both universities jointly host one Rotary Center*)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Sciences Po, Paris, France
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of California-Berkeley, California, USA
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Each Rotary Center university partner has a unique curriculum focusing on various aspects of international studies related to peace and conflict resolution. In addition, the universities offer comprehensive programs in fields that complement the core Rotary Center coursework. Degree programs vary by university and include international development policy, journalism, natural resources and the environment, public health, economics, education, international law, and public

administration, among many others. The program is designed to provide Rotary World Peace Scholars with a broad range of academic experiences.

Because the universities, their admissions requirements, and their curricula vary, applicants are expected to research their university preferences thoroughly before completing the scholarship application form. Applicants should visit university Web sites and contact relevant faculty directly to determine if a given university program will suit their academic needs.

Detailed information on each university partner and its Rotary World Peace Scholar curriculum may be found on the Rotary Centers Web page: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/partners.

V.

HOW ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS DIFFER FROM AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Although the Rotary World Peace Scholarship program builds on the strengths and success of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, the specific focus and structure of the two programs differ in terms of scholarship **availability**, strategies for **promotion and recruitment**, **selection criteria and process**, **application materials**, and **funding**. Understanding the differences between Rotary World Peace Scholarships and Ambassadorial Scholarships will help in selecting qualified candidates for this program. Rotarians are encouraged to read the Rotary World Peace Scholarship application materials thoroughly to gain a complete understanding of the objectives and requirements of the program.

VI.

AVAILABILITY OF ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary World Peace Scholarships are offered on a world-competitive basis. Each Rotary district and nondistricted club may submit *one* candidate for competition in the worldwide annual selection process of Rotary World Peace Scholars. All districts are encouraged to recruit qualified applicants for the scholarship and to nominate one candidate for the annual world competition. District eligibility to nominate one candidate each year is *not* dependent on district financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Scholar selection is independent of funding.

VII.

PROMOTING THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rotarians will want to consider a distinct marketing strategy for targeting applicants for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships. Qualified candidates should demonstrate a commitment to peace and conflict resolution through academic, volunteer, and/or professional experience as well as outstanding leadership abilities and high academic achievement. Candidates generally will be older and more professionally focused than the average candidate for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. Below is a sample list of areas from which to draw qualified applicants:

- Departments of international studies, international relations, political science, peace studies, and conflict resolution at local colleges and universities
- Nongovernmental organizations involved in human rights, disaster relief, aid distribution, environmental advocacy, refugee issues, and other issues related to peace and international cooperation
- International organizations and corporations
- Government agencies, such as departments of state, foreign ministries, diplomatic corps, or other groups of civil servants
- International volunteer agencies
- Mediation, arbitration, and dispute resolution groups

- Former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars who work with international issues, development, peace building, and conflict resolution, even if they currently live outside your district

Clubs and districts are also encouraged to promote this scholarship opportunity heavily in areas of their districts that are experiencing or have recently experienced conflict. Candidates from conflict regions have great potential for making an impact on peace and conflict resolution through study and training at the Rotary Centers.

Districts may want to consider the following **ideas for promoting** the scholarship to attract qualified candidates:

- Inquire about the possibility of holding informational meetings with the groups listed above.
- Host a lecture or discussion on a topic relevant to peace or international understanding. Promote this event among the members of the groups listed above.
- Invite current Rotary World Peace Scholars or scholar-alumni to speak at informational meetings for Rotarians and non-Rotarian groups.
- Identify individuals affiliated with the groups listed above and send them Rotary World Peace Scholarship brochures to share with their students, members, or clients. Be sure to include your district's contact information.
- Issue news releases to local/regional publications, college/university newspapers, radio stations, and public-access cable television channels. News releases should reference the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, where interested individuals may find more information. A sample news release is provided in this guide.
- Encourage the organizations listed above to add links to the RI Web site on their sites.
- Make contact with leadership in Rotary districts that have put forth successful candidates for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships to gather information on marketing and candidate recruitment strategies.

VIII.

PROFILES OF ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS

The following are profiles of successful Rotary World Peace Scholars. Although they represent a broad range of interests and backgrounds, the common thread among them is a commitment to peace and conflict resolution as demonstrated through academic, volunteer, and/or professional experience.

A career civil servant... charged with mediating local disputes over political and environmental issues who plans to develop and implement better social and environmental policies and training models for his home government.

A medical doctor... who has provided medical care and training to the poor in war-torn countries and plans a career in international public health.

A refugee policy specialist... who has worked extensively with refugee status recognition policy in developing countries and plans to manage programs for returning refugees and internally displaced persons in post-conflict areas.

A research psychologist... who has studied identity issues among survivors of regional ethnic conflict and plans a career in international mental health.

A teacher of Mandarin Chinese and reserve military officer... who has lived and worked in China and plans a career in improving her country's relations with China.

A university lecturer in political science... who studies regional conflict in Southeast Asia and plans to design, implement, and teach courses in conflict resolution.

IX.

EXPECTATIONS OF ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS

Rotarians are making a significant investment in the Rotary World Peace Scholars. Accordingly, there are high expectations for these scholars in both their career commitments and their ongoing involvement with Rotary. For example, Rotary World Peace

Scholars will be expected to maintain contact with The Rotary Foundation throughout their professional careers to advise and assist Rotary International and its member clubs in their efforts to contribute to world peace and understanding. These alumni will also be asked to evaluate and promote the Rotary World Peace Scholarships program. The full range of expectations of scholars is clearly outlined in the *Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application*.

Sample Alumni Profiles from Rotary Center University Partners

- A graduate of the University of Queensland who focused on reconciliation of divided communities now works for an international relief organization providing humanitarian aid to victims of crises.
- A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who obtained a Master's Degree in Public Health now works with famine victims in Ethiopia.

X.

SELECTING CANDIDATES: THE CRITERIA, PROCESS, AND COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Rotary World Peace Scholars are chosen from a wide variety of academic backgrounds based on their ability to make the greatest impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers. When considering applicants' academic achievements, application reviewers should not give preference to a particular academic subject or area of study. Reviewers should use the applicants' written statement to determine how their interests, previous studies, and experiences relate to the goals of the Rotary World Peace Scholarship. The most qualified candidates are chosen as Rotary World Peace Scholars for each Rotary Center's program; where feasible, however, the world-competitive selection committee also takes into consideration the candidates' academic, geographic, and cultural backgrounds to achieve a diverse group of scholars at each Rotary Center.

Selection Criteria and Rules of Eligibility

- Applicants for Rotary World Peace Scholarships must have the requisite training, academic background, and work experience in relevant fields as required for the master's-level program at the Rotary Center University Partners ranked on the application. For specific university requirements, please see the *Rotary World Peace Scholarship Brochure* (084-EN), which is also available on the RI Web site: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/partners. Applicants should also consult the individual university Web sites.
- Applicants must be proficient in more than one language even if they propose to study in a country where their native language is spoken. Applicants must have proficiency in the language of the proposed Rotary Center University Partner. Applicants wishing to study at International Christian University (Japan) may be proficient in Japanese *or* English although some Japanese language proficiency is helpful. Language requirements are detailed on the scholarship application form.
- Applicants must possess excellent leadership skills.
- Applicants must show a demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding through their personal and community service activities and/or academic and professional achievements. While the scholarships do not have specific age limitations, the Rotary Centers program is intended for individuals with experience in international relations and conflict resolution. In general The Rotary Foundation *does not* recommend application to the Rotary World Peace Scholarship program immediately following the completion of an undergraduate degree.
- Applicants selected for a scholarship will study at one of the Centers *in a country other than their country of citizenship or permanent residence*. If an applicant is a citizen of one country and has applied for or received permanent residence in a second country, he or she may not apply for study at a Rotary Center in *either* country.
- Districts may sponsor foreign-nationals for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships (including candidates from non-Rotary regions) who have close ties to the sponsor Rotary district; however, in no case may such a candidate apply for study at a Rotary Center located within the sponsor district or country. For example, a U.K. citizen who is a resident in Australia and is sponsored for a Rotary World Peace Scholarship by a Rotary district in Australia may not study at either the University of Bradford (U.K.) or at the University of Queensland (Australia).
- Final university admission decisions will rest with the universities.
- Applicants must be committed to completing the entire Rotary Centers two-year program and obtaining the corresponding degree or certificate at the end of the scholarship period.
- Rotary World Peace Scholarships may not be used for Ph.D. study, even if such a degree may be completed at a Rotary Center university within the two-year scholarship period. Applicants who have completed previous graduate study and wish to pursue a Ph.D. are not suitable candidates for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships.
- An applicant for the Rotary World Peace Scholarship *cannot* be a Rotarian; an honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories; or a former Rotarian within 36 months of resignation from Rotary or his/her relative as described above.
- Rotaract members and former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars are eligible to apply provided they meet all other eligibility criteria.
- Persons with disabilities are eligible for Rotary Foundation awards and should not be overlooked. With the support of Rotarians in the sponsor and host districts, persons with disabilities have served as successful Rotary award recipients.

Connecting Applicants with Clubs

Connecting interested applicants with local Rotarians is a crucial part of the application process. To facilitate this connection, The Rotary Foundation will refer applicants to the district scholarships subcommittee chair (or district governor or Rotary Foundation committee chair if the district has no scholarships subcommittee chair). When contacted by prospective applicants, the district officer should refer them to the appropriate clubs and inform them of the district's application deadline; in turn, the district officer should alert club leaders that prospective applicants might be contacting them. If clubs do not have complete and updated information about the Rotary World Peace Scholarships, the district officer should provide any necessary information and training. This referral system is designed to create a pool of excellent candidates for the annual world competition.

Club Selection and Endorsement

Each Rotary club may endorse as many applicants for the Rotary World Peace Scholarship as they deem qualified. The club scholarships committee should review the purpose of the scholarship with all interested applicants and interview them prior to endorsing applications to be submitted to the district selection committee. If highly qualified applicants are not available to attend in-person interviews, clubs should arrange for alternative means of interview, such as telephone interviews or "cyber" interviews via the Internet. Sponsor Rotarians might arrange for applicants to interview with Rotarians where the applicant currently lives; Rotarians also might consider having such applicants submit video or audio recordings that communicate their reasons for pursuing the scholarship, the relevance of the Rotary World Peace Scholarship to their careers, and other information. Please see the *Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application* for a copy of the club endorsement form.

The sponsoring clubs should also ensure that applicants have completed all application materials and submitted required accompanying documents such as academic transcripts and any tests required for admission to the universities they preference on the application form.

District Selection Committee and Process

Because of the unique criteria and special focus of the Rotary World Peace Scholarships interviews for these applicants should be held separately from those for Ambassadorial Scholarships. In most cases the Rotary World Peace Scholar selection process extends over two consecutive Rotary years. For example, the district may promote the availability of the scholarships in January and start screening applicants in June of one Rotary year, and then conduct applicant interviews and selection in July and August of the following Rotary year — this makes it essential that the two district governors work closely to ensure continuity in the district selection process.

The Trustees recommend that the committee considering Rotary World Peace Scholarship applications include the current district governor, immediate past governor, governor-elect, Rotary Foundation committee chair or scholarships subcommittee chair, and three Rotarians or non-Rotarians with expertise in the fields of peace and conflict resolution, education, and/or civic or business leadership. The district may want to consider inviting a former Ambassadorial Scholar with professional experience in international relations or conflict resolution to serve on the committee. If possible, the committee should include a member with language skills who can assess applicants' foreign language abilities.

Interviewing Candidates: What to Look For

In nominating candidates for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships, the selection committee should consider how potential scholars will further the program objectives (see section II of this guide for a list of program objectives). Committees should assess how applicants have demonstrated a **commitment to peace and international understanding, especially through writing, teaching, and research**. In addition, districts should assess the applicants' potential to become leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions as demonstrated through previous leadership roles and **experience**.

The committee should assess the applicants' potential as **ambassadors of goodwill**. The committee should select candidates with leadership skills who will promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through

their service activities. After completing the applicant screening and interview process, each Rotary district and nondistricted club may select one candidate for competition at the world level.

The district committee must complete the District Committee Interview Report (found toward the end of the scholarship application form) for its selected Rotary World Peace Scholar candidate. ***Because candidates will not be interviewed at the world level, the district interview report will provide crucial information to the world-competitive selection committee.*** If applicants are living abroad and are unavailable for a personal interview, the district selection committee should arrange for an alternate means of interview as discussed in the Club Selection and Endorsement section above. Districts should furnish detailed and thorough responses in the interview report to provide selection committee members with complete candidate profiles.

World-Competitive Selection Process

Districts must submit their selected candidate's application materials to The Rotary Foundation for the world-competitive selection process by *1 October of the year preceding the start of each program (e.g., 1 October 2004 for the 2005-07 program)*. The application must be complete and include all required accompanying documents such as academic transcripts and any test scores required for admission to the universities they preference on the application form. Incomplete applications or those sent to The Rotary Foundation without required test scores cannot be guaranteed full consideration by the world-competitive selection committee. Applicants should consult with individual universities for details regarding test requirements.

A Trustee-appointed committee of Rotarians knowledgeable about the program and representatives from the University Partners will select up to 70 scholars and a pool of scholar-reserves each year. Candidates and districts will be notified of selection decisions in December of each year. Selected Rotary World Peace Scholars will be instructed to immediately pursue admission to their assigned Rotary Center University Partners. Candidates may apply to their universities of preference prior to Rotary World Peace Scholar selection, but they should be aware that admission to a Rotary Center University Partner does not guarantee

selection as a Rotary World Peace Scholar. Similarly, individuals selected as Rotary World Peace Scholars are not guaranteed admission to their assigned Rotary Center University Partners. If a selected Rotary World Peace Scholar does not gain acceptance to his or her assigned Rotary Center University Partner, The Rotary Foundation may reassign the scholar to a different university, based on availability. All final admissions decisions rest with the universities. If a selected scholar is not able to accept the scholarship, a scholar-reserve will receive the opportunity to take his/her place.

XI.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Application materials for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships can be downloaded from the RI Web site: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#centers. Applications may also be ordered from the Rotary International Publications Order Services (telephone: [847] 866-4600; fax: [847] 866-3276) or appropriate RI international office. Materials are available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Updated application forms will be available in December of each year.

The Rotary World Peace Scholarship application materials include the following pieces:

- The *Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application* (083-EN) to be completed by applicants
- The *Rotary World Peace Scholarships Brochure* (084-EN), which explains program objectives, criteria, eligibility, funding, and application process and includes information on the Rotary Centers university partners
- The *Rotary Centers for International Studies Folder* (086-EN), which can serve as a packet for Rotary World Peace Scholarship application materials

XII.

TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

Districts are responsible for distributing application materials to their clubs. Each district must set its own deadline for clubs to submit applications to the district for consideration based on the fact that district-endorsed Rotary World Peace Scholarship applications are due to The Rotary Foundation by *1 October of the year preceding the start of the program*. The following **timeline** is recommended for program promotion and selection of candidates:

November – December (two years prior to program start)	Districts receive application materials from The Rotary Foundation and distribute them to clubs.
January – May of year preceding program	Districts and clubs promote the scholarship opportunity to attract well-qualified candidates.
June – July of year preceding program	Clubs conduct interview and selection process and submit their club-endorsed applications to the district in accordance with district deadline.
August – September of year preceding program	Districts conduct interview and selection process for their Rotary World Peace Scholar candidate. Each district submits one candidate application to Rotary International World Headquarters to arrive on or before 1 October of the year preceding the program (1 October 2004 for 2005-07 program, 1 October 2005 for 2006-08 program, etc).
December of year preceding program	Districts and their candidates will be notified of the results of the world-competitive selection process.

XIII.

FUNDING: *SHARE* SYSTEM AND DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS

Funding the Rotary World Peace Scholarships is a global Rotary effort. These scholarships are supported through a pool of funds contributed by districts from their District Designated Funds within the *SHARE* system, making it possible to offer the scholarships on a world-competitive basis. Districts are not required to contribute funds to the Rotary World Peace Scholarships pool in order to participate in the program. However, *all* districts are encouraged to allocate some amount of their District Designated Funds (DDF) in support of the Rotary World Peace Scholarships. *Any* amount of District Designated Funds may be contributed – *there is no minimum requirement or maximum limit*. Districts may allocate DDF to the Rotary Centers each year upon receipt of their *SHARE* information packet.

Financial contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary will ensure the long-term success of the Rotary Centers for International Studies. In the short term, funds committed by the Rotary Foundation Trustees will support the administration of the Rotary Centers, and District Designated Funds will support the Rotary World Peace Scholarships. For the future, support from individual Rotarians is needed to cover the majority of the program's costs.

XIV.

ORIENTATION FOR ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS

Each Rotary World Peace Scholar has a Rotarian sponsor counselor who serves as an integral link between the scholar and the sponsor district and as a resource before, during, and after the scholarship period. The sponsor counselor provides support and one-on-one counseling about Rotary to the scholar.

Rotary World Peace Scholars must be provided with appropriate orientation in both their sponsor and host districts to ensure that they understand the mission of The Rotary Foundation, their role in supporting Rotary's mission, and their responsibilities as alumni. Rotarian involvement in orientation seminars is critical

to effectively preparing Rotary World Peace Scholars and making them feel an important part of Rotary's work for international understanding.

Rotary World Peace Scholars and their sponsor Rotarians should attend an Ambassadorial Scholarship orientation seminar occurring within their region. To ensure the success of the seminars, organizers should look for ways to address the special focus and expectations for Rotary World Peace Scholars. Orientation organizers should set aside time for the Rotary World Peace Scholar(s) to meet with a small group of district leaders to discuss the scholars' unique responsibilities, expectations, potential projects, and collaboration.

If no scholar orientation seminar is available in the region, the sponsor district should provide individualized orientation for the scholar that covers the topics explained above. Guidelines for outbound Rotary World Peace Scholar orientation are available from Rotary Foundation staff (see contact information at the end of this guide).

XV.

HOSTING ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS

Rotarian hosting is crucial to the success of Rotary World Peace Scholars. The host districts of the seven Rotary Centers face a special challenge and opportunity in hosting a new class of Rotary World Peace Scholars every year. For this reason, each Rotary Center has a "host area" comprised of the Rotary district where the center is located and a number of surrounding districts. In addition, each Rotary Center has a designated Rotarian Host Area Liaison, who is typically a past district governor or past or current regional Rotary Foundation coordinator. The Host Area Liaison serves as the primary contact between the host area Rotarians and the Rotary Center Director or Coordinator working in conjunction with The Rotary Foundation to promote Rotary Center activities, to coordinate training and informational events and to facilitate host area club and district participation in these activities and events.

This joint hosting effort expands the opportunities for Rotarian involvement with the Rotary Center and provides important guidance and advice to the scholars and the universities. The Rotary Foundation provides training and guidelines to the host areas to prepare them for their role and responsibilities in hosting the Rotary World Peace Scholars. In turn, the host areas work with the universities to develop an annual orientation for the scholars. Each Rotary World Peace Scholar has a Rotarian counselor in the host area. Through orientation sessions and the active participation of host area Rotarians and host counselors, Rotary hopes to forge personal and lasting relationships between Rotary World Peace Scholars and Rotarians.

XVI.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Rotary World Peace Scholars are expected to maintain a lifelong association with Rotary throughout their careers. Sponsor and host Rotarians are key to developing a strong relationship that will continue and deepen over time. Rotary World Peace Scholar alumni will help evaluate the Rotary Centers program to promote the program to potential candidates and to participate in Rotary Centers Annual Seminars. The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Center University Partners will track the careers of these scholars to assess the impact of the program on international relations and world peace. The Rotary Foundation also is developing a communication plan specifically for Rotary World Peace Scholar alumni so that their experiences and expertise can best contribute to Rotary's mission for world understanding and peace.

XVII.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Rotary International Web site at www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers is an excellent source of information on the Rotary Centers program. Both Rotarians and interested applicants are encouraged to visit the Web site for additional information on the Rotary Centers and to find links to the Rotary Centers University Partners' Web sites. The Rotary Centers section of the RI Web site also contains a section entitled Rotary Centers in

the News with samples of media coverage that the program has received throughout the world.

The **Rotary Center Host Area Liaison** at each Rotary Center is responsible for coordinating scholar speaking engagements and other Rotarian requests. Host Area Liaisons may be reached by contacting Rotary Foundation staff (see contact information at the end of this section).

Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators are knowledgeable Rotarians who serve as Rotary Foundation resources for district leadership. Rotarians are encouraged to use regional Rotary Foundation coordinators to guide districts in Rotary World Peace Scholar promotion and selection efforts.

Please direct any questions not answered in this guide or on the Rotary International Web site to Rotary Foundation staff at telephone: (847) 866-3834; fax: (847) 866-0934; or e-mail: rotarycenters@rotaryintl.org.

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

The news release is a basic tool for communicating information about scholarship opportunities. This page includes a suggested release regarding application availability. The news release should be modified according to your culture and media standards.

Sample release: Applications available

For Immediate Release

Contact: (Name)

(Telephone/Fax)

(E-mail)

Rotary World Peace Scholarship Applications Available

(CITY) (DATE) — Applications for Rotary World Peace Scholarships are now available from the Rotary Club of **(name)**.

The scholarships are for study at one of the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution to obtain a two-year master's-level degree or certificate in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas. The Rotary Centers have been established by The Rotary Foundation in partnership with prestigious universities throughout the world.

During their studies, Rotary World Peace Scholars will work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict, and world understanding. The scholars will participate in an annual Rotary Center Seminar and will commit to a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

Rotary World Peace Scholarships are for two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and other limited expenses.

For more information and a scholarship application, please contact **(Insert local contact information in this paragraph — name, address, and phone numbers, as well as application deadline dates)**. Interested individuals may also want to consult the Rotary Web site at www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers for more information and to download an application.

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- Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
(Both universities jointly host one Rotary Center.)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Sciences Po, Paris, France
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of California-Berkeley, California, USA
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find information about the Rotary Centers for International Studies and the Rotary World Peace Scholarships on the Internet?

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers

Where can I get applications for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships?

Applications for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships are mailed to all Rotary districts each year. Applications also are available to download from the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#centers or from the Rotary International Publications Order Services (telephone: [847] 866-4600; fax: [847] 866-3276) or appropriate RI international office.

Are Rotarians and their relatives eligible to apply for this program?

No (see page 6 for complete eligibility requirements).

Is there a limit as to how many Rotary World Peace Scholar applications my club may endorse?

No. A club may endorse any number of qualified applicants for scholarship competition at the district level. Each district and nondistricted club may then select one candidate for the world competition.

Citizens of foreign countries and non-Rotary countries have approached the club/district regarding application to the program. Are we allowed to sponsor these candidates for the Rotary World Peace Scholarships?

Yes, but the candidate may not apply for study either at a Rotary Center in the sponsor country or the candidate's country of citizenship.

I am interested in having a Rotary World Peace Scholar speak at my upcoming district conference or Rotary zone institute. How can I get in contact with scholars?

Contact Rotary Foundation staff at telephone: (847) 866-3834; fax: (847) 866-0934; or e-mail: rotarycenters@rotaryintl.org. Foundation staff will put you in touch with the appropriate Rotarian Host Area Liaison who coordinates speaking requests for the Rotary World Peace Scholars.

When is the scholarship application deadline?

Districts set their own local application deadlines; however, districts must submit their candidate applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 October of each year for the following program year (1 October 2004 for the 2005-07 program, 1 October 2005 for the 2006-08 program, etc). Districts should set a deadline for club submissions that allows sufficient time to screen applications and conduct interviews in order to make the 1 October deadline for the world competition.

Who funds the Rotary World Peace Scholarships?

These scholarships are supported through a pool of funds contributed by districts from their District Designated Funds (DDF) within the *SHARE* system. All districts are encouraged to allocate some amount of their DDF in support of the Rotary World Peace Scholarships. A number of individual donors also have made major gifts to name and endow Rotary World Peace Scholarships.

What happens to the District Designated Funds my district contributes if the scholar who we nominate is not one of the class of Rotary World Peace Scholars selected on a world-competitive basis?

The DDF contributed will support the class of scholars selected on a world-competitive basis; therefore, DDF allocations made by a district are not connected to a specific scholar. For that reason, the DDF does *not* revert back to the district if the candidate it endorsed is not subsequently selected.

How were the seven Rotary Centers University Partners selected?

The Rotary Centers Committee considered more than 100 universities. The decision to recommend the final eight universities to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation was based on very specific criteria including geographic diversity, superior curriculum and faculty, and willingness to work with The Rotary Foundation.

What is the difference between an Ambassadorial Scholarship and a Rotary World Peace Scholarship?

Rotary World Peace Scholars are selected on a world-competitive basis to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers in a two-year master's degree or certificate program in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas. Rotary World Peace Scholarships are funded by a global pool of contributions comprised largely of DDF. Ambassadorial

Scholars are funded and selected by sponsoring Rotary districts; these scholarships are not limited to certain universities or certain fields of study, and they are generally not intended for the completion of a degree.

Are successful candidates for Rotary World Peace Scholarships be assigned to the Rotary Centers of their choice?

Candidates indicate their preferences for assignment to any of the seven Rotary Centers, but final university assignments are determined by the Foundation Trustees as recommended by the world-competitive selection committee. The selection committee includes faculty from the seven Rotary Centers. Selection as a Rotary World Peace Scholar does not guarantee university admission, and all scholars must gain admission to their assigned Rotary Centers to receive scholarship funds.

Can a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar compete for a Rotary World Peace Scholarship?

Yes.

Can an applicant compete for both the Ambassadorial Scholarship and the Rotary World Peace Scholarship at the same time?

Yes; however, if selected to receive both scholarships, the scholar may only accept one award. If the scholar accepts the Rotary World Peace Scholarship, the sponsor district may select an alternate Ambassadorial Scholar prior to the 1 February deadline.

Are Rotary World Peace Scholars required to attend a Rotary Center in a country other than their own?

Yes.



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