

GRANTS FOR ROTARY VOLUNTEERS

Provide funding to volunteers who locate a site in a country other than their own in which to volunteer their services and expertise.

“People come in blind and go out seeing. What can be more exciting than that?”

“We felt that we helped these people, but we ourselves had the greatest joy.”

“We were far more satisfied to be teaching someone else than simply doing it ourselves.”

One Rotarian used his professional skills to establish a farm supply and marketing system in Zimbabwe. A Rotarian investment executive helped set up a system to finance local enterprises in the Dominican Republic. Dentists, physicians, businessmen, artists . . . there may be a need somewhere in our world for their skills. The Rotary Foundation’s award-winning volunteer program provides grants to offset travel and general expenses, enabling a volunteer to serve and providing an important opportunity for Rotarians of different countries to work together in support of the Foundation’s overall goal of world understanding and peace.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Rotarian, Foundation Alumnus/a (past Foundation award or grant recipient) or Rotaractor who has registered under the Rotary International Rotary Volunteers program and has located a service site in a country other than his or her own may be eligible to receive a Grant for Rotary Volunteers. Service term must be at least four and not more than eight consecutive weeks. To fund Honorary Rotarians and non-Rotarians, up to 20% of the program budget is available on a first-come, first-served basis only if they serve in a registered Rotary project or an approved 3-H Grant or Matching Grant.

In October 1996, the Trustees approved a pilot program for Long-Term Volunteers. All Rotary Volunteer eligibility requirements apply and service is for one year. Long-Term Volunteers are funded through District Designated Funds beginning in 1998-99.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All volunteers are maintained on one registry under the Rotary Volunteers program. Lists of volunteers willing to serve abroad plus projects looking for volunteers are published twice a year through the *Rotary Volunteers International Volunteer List* and the *Rotary Volunteers International Site List*. RI also publishes the *Rotary Volunteers Resource List*, which contains organizations that place, train or fund volunteers. In order to register as a Rotary Volunteer, qualified individuals should contact the Programs department of Rotary International for a Rotary Volunteers International Volunteer Personal Registration Form.

The Rotary Foundation no longer places volunteers. Volunteers registered with Rotary International may locate a service site either through the *Rotary Volunteers International Site List*, or on their own through a non-profit organization or a Rotary club or district in another country. Once volunteers have registered and have located a place to serve, they may apply to the Grants for Rotary Volunteers program of The Rotary Foundation for a grant to help offset expenses. At least six weeks in advance of the service term, the following must be completed and returned to the Foundation:

- a curriculum vitae;
- a Grants for Rotary Volunteers Application for Volunteer Service Form;
- a letter of invitation from the Rotary club president or district governor located nearest the project site, outlining the specific volunteer activity needed and indicating the Rotary president's/governor's approval. In the case of repeated service at the same site, a new letter from the host club or district is required for each service term.

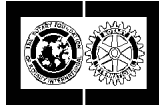
GRANT PROVISION

Grants for Rotary Volunteers provide funds to offset travel and general expenses in the amount of the lowest economy-class round-trip airfare and up to US\$50 per diem. These funds are provided to the volunteer only.

Funding for Long-Term Volunteers is allocated through District Designated Funds at US\$20,000 per volunteer. This amount covers all expenses of the volunteer, including travel, living expenses, and insurance.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Grants are subject to available funding. Registration as a Rotary Volunteer does not mean that funding is automatic;
- In no case may a volunteer accept funds from the Foundation for expenses that are being paid by another organization;
- Rotary Volunteers may not receive any salary or honorarium for their service;
- Volunteers should establish contact with one or more Rotary clubs near the project site and attend their meetings if possible;
- Volunteers must submit a written report to The Rotary Foundation within 30 days after their service term;
- Volunteers should seek opportunities to address Rotary clubs and community groups in their home country after completing the service term.



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