

# Students like you, from all over the world . . .

## -serving as ambassadors of goodwill

### Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

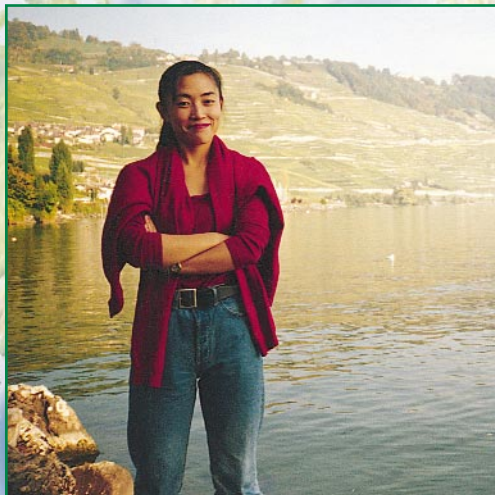
Awarded for one academic year of study abroad.

### Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

Two or three years of specific degree-oriented study abroad.

### Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships

Three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country.



“A country that was only a foreign country until one year ago has been changed into my friend’s country.”

Ambassadorial Scholar  
Sakiko Ota  
Japan — Canada



“I doubt there is another scholarship that offers such a community bond through its counselor and club connections.”

Ambassadorial Scholar  
Kat Bergeron  
USA — Ireland



2001-02  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Ambassadorial  
Scholarships

Contact the Rotary club in your area for application materials and deadlines.

## **AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL**

The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further international understanding and world 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 community and country;
- 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; and
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars.

2001-02 Ambassadorial Scholarships will be awarded for study or training beginning after 1 July 2001. During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and with the local Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

## **ROTARIAN COUNSELORS**

A unique benefit of Rotary Scholarships is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned a sponsor and host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation and advice in preparing for and completing a successful study period in another country.

## **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work (or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years) when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

**The following persons are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship:**

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), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

## **ACADEMIC-YEAR**

### **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for one regular academic year (usually nine months) of full-time study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Because the scholarship is primarily ambassadorial and limited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees or diplomas during the study period. Since candidates are expected to be proficient in the language of the host country, generally this scholarship is not appropriate for study of a foreign language.

#### **What Does the Scholarship Cover?**

Funding is provided to cover round-trip transportation, one month of intensive language training (if assigned by the Foundation), required fees for a normal course load, reasonable room and board, and some educational supplies. The Foundation will not pay additional costs resulting from personal living preferences. Generally, awards will range between US\$11,000 and US\$25,000 depending upon actual costs at the assigned study institution, with no award to exceed US\$25,000 or its equivalent. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where costs exceed US\$25,000 must pay all additional costs.

## **MULTI-YEAR**

### **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for either two or three years (depending on which is available through the sponsoring district) of full-time degree-oriented study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The scholarship may be used for almost any field of study, as long as the scholar is enrolled in a specific university degree program and takes course work which relates directly to the completion of one degree.

#### **What Does the Scholarship Cover?**

The Multi-Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of US\$12,000 or its equivalent for each year; that is, US\$24,000 for two years, or US\$36,000 for three years. Funding is intended to help supplement the costs of pursuing one degree at one study institution. Expenses beyond the amount provided are the scholar's responsibility.

## **CULTURAL**

### **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for either three or six months (depending on which is available through the sponsoring district) of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The three-month scholarship is most appropriate for studying a foreign language in which the applicant may already be somewhat proficient. The six-month scholarship is more appropriate for studying a language that presents a challenge to the applicant. In addition to meeting the general eligibility requirements, applicants are expected to

have completed at least one year of college-level course work or equivalent of the proposed language of study.

#### **What Does the Scholarship Cover?**

Funding is provided to cover round-trip transportation, tuition and fees for language training, and homestay expenses. Scholars will stay with local families when possible. Funding will not exceed US\$12,000 or its equivalent for a three-month scholarship or US\$19,000 or its equivalent for a six-month scholarship. Most scholars will receive less than these amounts, based on actual study expenses in the host country.

## **TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Study or training must be undertaken in another country or territory in which there are Rotary clubs, but not in the sponsoring Rotary country or district.
- Although applicants are asked to list their preferred study locations, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reserve the right to make assignments to any suitable institution to ensure the widest possible geographical distribution of scholars. Candidates must be flexible in their study institution assignments.
- Scholars will not be assigned to study in a city, state or province where they have previously lived or studied for more than six months. As a result, the scholarships are not appropriate for foreign students seeking to continue studies at a given university.
- Each scholar is responsible for applying directly to the assigned study institution, gaining admission, obtaining required visas, and making travel arrangements. The scholarship may not be used in conjunction with a study abroad program affiliated with a home country institution.
- Scholars must locate funds to cover all expenses which are not specifically funded by their scholarships, or for which their scholarships are not sufficient. Scholarships will not be increased to cover spouses, dependents, or anyone other than the scholar.
- Scholars may receive additional funding from other sources during the scholarship period; however, The Rotary Foundation will not duplicate funds provided by other sources.
- Depending on tax laws in the home and host countries, the scholarships may be taxable in part or in full. It is the scholar's responsibility to investigate tax regulations as they pertain to scholarship funding.
- Academic-Year and Multi-Year Scholarships may be used for almost any field of study, but cannot be used for unsupervised research, medical internships or residencies, or for employment. Scholars planning to pursue medical studies will not be permitted to engage in hands-on procedures or direct care patient services during the scholarship period.
- Academic-Year and Multi-Year Scholarship applicants whose native language is not that of their proposed study countries

must submit evidence of ability to read, write and speak the language(s) of those countries. Academic-Year Scholarship candidates must also pass a language proficiency examination determined by the Foundation.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**NOTE:** The availability of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is determined by each Rotary district and varies from year to year. Some districts may not offer scholarships, or may offer only one type of scholarship. Applicants must contact a local Rotary club to: **1)** determine if funding for the desired scholarship is available for 2001-02; **2)** inquire about local application deadlines; and **3)** obtain application materials. Applications may also be obtained directly from The Rotary Foundation if the applicant has confirmed scholarship availability with the local Rotary club.

Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and district-endorsed applications will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. The Rotary Foundation directly notifies all candidates of approved scholarships and assignments. Applications sent directly to The Rotary Foundation without club and district endorsements will not be considered.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March 2000 or as late as 15 July 2000 for 2001-02 awards. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will normally be notified of their study institution assignments by 15 December 2000.



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