

## ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2009-2010 FOR STUDY ABROAD

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries while engaging a program of study at an institution of higher education. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Scholarship applications will become available in December 2007 for study abroad in the 2009-2010 academic year. District 6080, the Rotary district for central and southern Missouri, will accept applications for Six-Month Cultural Scholarships and the Academic-Year Scholarships for 2009-2010. The Three-Month Cultural Scholarships and Multi-Year Scholarships are not available this year in District 6080.

The Six-Month Cultural Scholarships are awarded for intensive foreign language study and cultural immersion in another country. Applications are considered for candidates interested in studying Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Swedish. Study sites are assigned by Rotary. Academic-Year Scholarships are awarded for one academic year of study abroad in a specific academic field. Because the latter scholarship is limited to nine (or ten) months of study, recipients may not be able to complete the requirements for degrees, certificates, or diplomas during the study period. Rotary scholarships cannot be combined with another study-abroad program, or used for unsupervised research, medical internship or residency, or for employment on a full-time basis in the host country.

Prospective scholars may apply through a local Rotary club near their home or through a club in the community where they are attending a college or university.

The scholarship provides a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for Six-Month Cultural Scholarships and \$23,000 for Academic-Year Scholarships to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, some educational supplies and round-trip transportation to the study site. Scholars must provide funding to cover costs that exceed the amount provided by Rotary. Application forms may be obtained for the 2009-2010 year of study from the District Scholarship Chair or from the Rotary Foundation web site at

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and by clicking on “Materials for Download,” and then by clicking on “Ambassadorial Scholarships Application Form (139-EN).” Application forms are usually made available in December 2007 for the 2009-2010 academic year. The deadline for submitting the completed application in District 6080 may vary from one club to the next, but will usually be **no later than March 15, 2008** for the 2009-2010 academic year. Completed applications should be submitted to the president of the local Rotary club or the designated club representative for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for review and possible approval. The club president must send the endorsed application to the District Scholarship Chair no later than March 30, 2008. The District Scholarship Committee will interview all endorsed applicants at a site to be announced at the Lake of the Ozarks in April 2008.

