

## ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012-2013 FOR STUDY ABROAD

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries while pursuing a program of study at an institution of higher education. The program sponsors 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.

Beginning in December 2010, scholarship applications will be available for study abroad during the 2012-2013 academic year. District 6080, the Rotary district for central and southern Missouri, welcomes scholarship applications for 2012-2013. 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 or where they hold employment.

Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for one academic year (approximately nine months) of study abroad in a specific academic field. Applicants are encouraged to support program objectives by choosing a study field that will help address the humanitarian needs of the world community, such as health care, children at risk, concern for the aging, literacy and numeracy, population issues, urban concerns, disabled persons, international understanding and goodwill, poverty and hunger, or environmental awareness. Because this scholarship is limited to one academic year 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. Applicants must be able to show a strong correlation between their personal educational objectives and Rotary's goals to obtain scholarship funding.

The program provides for a flat grant in the amount of **\$26,000** to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, educational supplies, and round-trip transportation to the study site. Scholars must provide funding to cover all costs that exceed the amount provided by Rotary. Application forms may be obtained for the 2012-2013 year of study from the District Scholarship Chair, from this web site, or from the Rotary Foundation web site at <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

The deadline for submitting the completed application to a local club in District 6080 may vary from one club to the next, but will usually be **no later than March 15, 2011** for the 2012-2013 academic year. Completed applications should be submitted to the president of a local Rotary club or the designated club representative for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for review and possible approval. If the applicant is approved at the club level, then the club president will send the endorsed application to the District Scholarship Chair no later than March 30, 2011. The

