

The Rotary Foundation FAQs

Educational Programs

Group Study Exchange (GSE)

Q. What are the eligibility criteria for GSE team member applicants?

A. Candidates must be 25-40 years of age, live or work in the sponsoring district, and be a citizen of the country in which they reside. They must hold a full-time position, with at least two years of work experience in a recognized business or profession. Team members cannot be current or former Rotarians, lineal descendants or spouses of Rotarians, or the spouse of a team member. The *Program Guide for Rotarians: Group Study Exchange (165-EN)** outlines eligibility requirements.

Q. How do we find applicants for GSE teams in our clubs?

A. TRF suggests that clubs educate members about the GSE program by inviting GSE alumni or GSE teams to speak at their clubs. Club members are advised to seek qualified candidates within their businesses or professions and publicize the program in their communities. The GSE News Kit* gives examples of how to recruit GSE team members and promote the program.

Rotary Centers

Q. Is it mandatory for my district to allocate US\$50,000 in District Designated Funds to nominate a Rotary World Peace Fellow?

A. No. *The Rotary Centers for International Studies: A Program Guide for Rotarians (085-EN)** provides additional information about district obligations.

Q. Is there a limit to how many applicants my club may endorse?

A. No. A club may endorse any number of qualified applicants for fellowship competition at the district level. Each district and non-districted club may select one candidate for the world competition.

Answers to similar questions can be found on the RI Web site (www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/misconceptions.html).

Q. Can citizens of foreign countries and non-Rotary countries be sponsored?

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



Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Q. Where can I find the eligibility criteria for applicants to the Ambassadorial Scholarship and Rotary Grants for University Teachers programs?

A. See the *Ambassadorial Scholarship/Rotary Grants for University Teachers Leaflet** (132-EN).

Q. How can I learn about the selection process?

A. The *Program Guide for Rotarians: Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers* (012-EN) helps show how to select recipients of these awards. Information can also be found on the RI Web site (www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/rotarian).

Q. How can I find out how many Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers are being offered in my district?

A. Contact your district's governor, Rotary Foundation committee chair or scholarships subcommittee chair for this information.

Q. What is the deadline to send applications to TRF?

A. Applications must be received by 1 October 2006.

Q. How can I obtain program brochures?

A. Contact the Resource Development Department at TRF (847-866-4459) or your district's scholarships subcommittee chair. Brochures may also be downloaded from the RI Web site.*

Q. What is the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income countries?

A. The pool funds scholarships that are awarded by a Trustee-appointed committee on a world-competitive basis to approximately 32 candidates from low-income countries. All districts are encouraged to donate any amount to the pool. A candidate may choose to apply for an Academic-Year or Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. The deadline for applications submission is 1 October 2006.

***All publications may be downloaded from the RI Web site**

(www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html).