

The Rotary Foundation FAQs

SHARE

Q. What is SHARE?

A. *SHARE* is the system through which Rotary Foundation program awards are distributed worldwide. *SHARE* transforms TRF contributions into Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants, Group Study Exchanges and more.

Q. How are contributions to the Annual Programs Fund divided?

A. At the end of each Rotary year, each district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds: 50 percent is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 50 percent to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

Q. What is the three-year funding cycle?

A. TRF operates on a unique funding cycle, using contributions for program activities three years after they are recorded. For example, contributions made during 2005-06 will be available for use during 2008-09. This cycle allows TRF to invest the contributions to pay for administration and fund development costs.

Q. Who decides how DDF is spent?

A. The district Rotary Foundation committee chair (DRFC), in consultation with the district governor (DG), governor-elect (DGE), governor-nominee (DGN) and district Rotary Foundation committee make the decision.

Q. How is the decision made?

A. It is the DRFC's responsibility to determine which TRF programs are of most interest to Rotarians in the district. After receiving input from clubs, the DRFC determines the specific DDF amounts to be used. The DRFC signs applications on behalf of the district Rotary Foundation committee and submits them to TRF.

Q. Where can I find more information about the DDF decision-making process?

A. The SHARE Kit is sent out annually to the DRFC, DG, DGE, and DGN and is available for download from the RI Web site (www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/share_kit.pdf). The kit outlines the DDF spending options available to the district, as well as the district's decision-making process.