

## \$23,000 available to you!

Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries have studied in more than 70 nations. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2009-10.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. 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 goodwill ambassadors to 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 a greater understanding of their host country.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent a continued faith that today's Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

## Things you should know when applying...

### We are looking for applicants who:

- ✓ Are outstanding students, technicians or teachers and potential "Ambassadors of Goodwill"
- ✓ Demonstrate personal qualities of leadership, initiative, enthusiasm, adaptability, maturity and seriousness
- ✓ Have completed at least two years of college, university or equivalent at the time the scholarship starts (2010)
- ✓ Are sponsored by a local Rotary Club
- ✓ Are available for personal interviews as part of the application process and, if accepted, will share highlights of the experience abroad after returning
- ✓ Have language knowledge of the chosen country of study
- ✓ Are not Rotarians or a relative or dependent of a Rotarian

Places of study are available in any country/town where a Rotary Club is located!

**No age or gender restrictions!**

*Deadline to submit your application: March 16, 2009*

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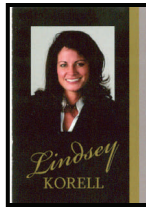
## Testimonials

“...If you can believe it, I am in the final stages of the PhD at U of Arizona. I started here in fall of 2005, just after my Ambassadorial Scholarship.

I was lucky enough to get a Fulbright to do my dissertation research in Mexico. I was in Michoacan, in a very small town from which many people migrate to the states (most without much financial or legal support). The experience was fascinating and quite challenging. I really was living in the midst of the transnational migration phenomenon. I learned a tremendous amount, and the data I got for the project was especially rich, I think, because I was living with the community, instead of just coming in a few times a week to "study" them. I felt like, by living there, I was much better able to understand and appreciate their lives, rather than simply projecting my own set of values onto them.

What is it now? I continue to look back on my Rotary year as the most transformational of my life. Mexico was great, and I'm grateful to have found funding to do the project, but I truly would not be where I am today if it hadn't been for the year of personal and intellectual growth that the Ambassadorial Scholarship afforded me.”

Susan Meyers was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Costa Rica in 2003. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vancouver where she was studying literacy.



Why should you apply for the International Ambassadorial Scholarship?

Travel, Education, Understanding!

Hi, I'm, Lindsey. I went to the University of Southampton in England to complete my master's degree. I had a wonderful host club - Southampton Clausentum and a wonderful time.

Growing up somewhat sheltered in Montana, I thought most things were Black or White. Boy was I wrong. There are so many shades of grey. Depending where my fellow students came from, the "right" was different. The box started to fall away and I began to open my mind to all the possibilities. I learned Turks aren't so fond of Cypriots (and vice versa) - who knew in the small towns of Montana!

I met people from all over the world and I did a fair amount of traveling - I learned where and when I could buy the cheapest bucket seat to Spain for the weekend, take the Ferry to France, or just spend the day in London. Stuff I could never do in Montana!

But I also found that some people thought all Americans carried guns and did drugs. Wow was that news to me. The media made us out to be as bad as we think some of them are. America's great expanse often shelters us from the news and events of the world. While what we do is incredibly important to many countries in the world, we seem to forget that there is anyone else but us on this planet.

I came home in 1993 and I still keep in touch with my club in Southampton. They opened my heart and mind to Rotary and to the world. It was one of the best years of my life. It was such a great experience, that I too have become a Rotarian with a chance to give to someone else, what was so freely given to me. - Lindsey Korell, Washougal

Feel like living abroad? We know great places...

You just heard from Lindsey and Susan what a wonderful experience it is to live abroad. No matter if Great Britain, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Ghana, South Africa or Japan - Rotary International has sister clubs all over the world. Come and share this wonderful experience, develop an understanding for nations and languages and join Rotary International on a one-of-a-kind journey!



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