



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Scholarship Notes

- The term of the GRSP Scholarship Year is defined as beginning on the date you are received by your sponsoring Rotary Club(s) GRSP Host Family and ends on the day following your last academic exam or the day following the adjournment of your sponsoring Rotary Club's District Conference, whichever is the latter.
 - The Scholarship sponsors one academic year (August to May) and typically consists of two 15-week semesters at a Georgia College or University.
- The scholarship covers undergraduate-level courses only.
- Applicants do not get to choose the school that they attend in Georgia. The school is chosen by the sponsoring Rotary Club or Clubs.
- Citizens / Dual Citizens of the United States are not eligible to receive the GRSP Scholarship.
- Once chosen for a scholarship, the student is assisted through the application process at the college/university chosen by their host club(s). If the applicant is unable to secure admission into the institution selected, the scholarship offer will unfortunately have to be withdrawn.

Required Expenses

Before you begin, please understand that there will be some out-of-pocket expenses for which the student will be responsible. It is important for students to research and ask questions early to make sure they understand all financial obligations.

The GRSP Standard Selection scholarship pays scholastic costs, including tuition, dormitory and meal plan and \$500 per term towards the required medical insurance. GRSP payments are made directly to the school of attendance.

Students must verify enough funding support for costs that the GRSP scholarship does not cover. This amount varies by school but is estimated between \$4,000-\$6,000 as students are responsible for covering all transportation expenses to and from the United States, SEVIS/Visa fees, required medical insurance costs (average \$2,500), any income taxes imposed on non-scholarship income by the U.S. Treasury (average 14% of non-qualified scholarship expenses, such as housing and meal expenses), any transcript translation and/or evaluation expenses, testing fees (TOEFL, SAT), textbooks, passports, inoculations, and personal spending money.

Health Insurance

Students participating in the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) must carry health insurance coverage at student expense that satisfies the requirements of the institution at which the student is enrolled. If the student believes their current health insurance satisfies the institutional requirements, they may request a waiver. However, it will be the sole discretion of the college/university to ascertain if the coverage meets the institutional requirements. If the student's existing health insurance does not meet the requirements for the institution in which they are enrolled, they will be responsible for purchasing the insurance coverage provided by the college/university.

In addition, the student should make sure that they have insurance coverage for the entire time of travel, including any period prior to the start of their school enrollment and after their enrollment has concluded at the end of the spring term.

Current University System of Georgia requirements are:

- **International Students** in the F-1 and J-1 student or scholar statuses must have a minimum of the following benefits:
 - Both accident and sickness coverage
 - Minimum benefit \$250,000 per policy year**
 - A deductible of \$500 or less and/or co-pay per individual, per year*
 - In-patient and outpatient, mental and nervous disorder benefits
 - Prescription Drug Coverage
 - Pay benefits worldwide
 - Medical evacuation to one's home country and family reunification of not less than \$50,000*
 - Provision for repatriation of remains of not less than \$25,000*
 - All Georgia mandated requirements+

*Federal Standards required for International Students

Completing the application

Please note, this application CANNOT be saved. We suggest you print out a PDF copy (The Application Example from the website) and gather the information you need before you begin.

- Please **complete the official scholarship application fully in English**. Use proper case English grammar.
- Do not use ALL CAPITAL LETTERS or all lower-case letters when typing a response.
- You will be asked to submit a **head shot photograph** of yourself (either color or black & white is acceptable).
 - Before you begin completing this application, please scan in your photo and name it with your last name, then first name (i.e. LastnameFirstname.jpg) so you will be ready to insert it in the proper locations of the application.
 - Please remember a picture is worth a thousand words, so SMILE! Share a picture that shows your personality.
- If a field does not apply to you (perhaps you do not have a zip code or a sister), leave it blank.
- Please upload any supporting materials (transcripts, letters of recommendation) prior to submitting your application. Supporting materials required include:
 1. **Official Final high school (gymnasium) transcript.**
 2. **Official College/University Transcripts**
 - a) If presently in college, send transcript of each year attended including courses currently under study.
 3. **Two (2) teacher recommendation letters.**
 - a) Recommendations are an important part of the evaluation process for granting a GRSP Scholarship. The form helps ensure that your scholarship would apply to the [guiding principles](#) of Rotarians around the world. The teacher recommendation form ([available here](#)) and should be completed by two of your current teachers or professors.



4. SAT and TOEFL IBT scores.

- a) We have roughly 26 participating colleges and universities within Georgia. Some require scores and some do not. The students do not pick the college or the clubs that sponsor them, so the test scores are necessary for the selection process. To meet the English proficiency requirement, schools will accept a TOEFL IBT 74 or SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing of 480. Most schools require one or both exams.
- b) Receipt of original test scores is mandatory for the evaluation of your application and scholarship award.
 1. If you have taken the tests, indicate the dates of the test and the scores on your application.
 2. If you have NOT taken the tests, please indicate the dates you have applied and scheduled to take the tests on the application.
 1. We strongly suggest taking your test by October 31. However, we are aware that the international dates in early October have filled up and another is not scheduled until December. [SAT testing dates and deadlines are available here](#). We generally compile our information in November and release it for review in December. **If you are unable to test in October, and the test can be taken in December, that would be advised**, as the results would have time to arrive by the end of the year.
 3. Submit your application regardless of the status of the test dates.
- c) **Be sure to send the results to Georgia Rotary Student Program for those tests.** You may use the GRSP Code of 5285 and the results will be sent directly to the GRSP office. Test applications and associated fees are the responsibility of the Applicant.
 1. Not having test scores sent to us in a timely fashion will greatly impact the likelihood of your acceptance.

5. Rotary Club recommendation letter.

- a) All students must be recommended by an International Rotary Club.
 - b) The Rotary Club recommendation letter must be uploaded with your application.
 - c) If your parents or friends of the family are Rotarians, ask their clubs to endorse you.
 - d) If you have no connection to Rotary International, visit the Students page on our website and select on the box to the right to "[find a Club to Endorse You](#)" near you to approach about endorsement.
- Make sure you save a copy of your application and all supporting documents for your records prior to submitting to the GRSP office.

Questions? Contact us at grsp@grsp.org.