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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The candidate must submit this completed scholarship application form to a Rotary club in District 5020, and the Club must endorse the application and submit it to the D5020 Scholarship Chair. All required documents (see checklist) must reach the D5020 Scholarship Chair no later than 15 January.

Documents to be submitted to the D5020 Scholarship Chair by the Rotary Club:

- Completed Application Form (Section 1)
- Essay (Section 2)
- Rotary Club Endorsement (Section 3)
- Applicant's Certification (signed and dated)

Note that if more information is required for any section of the application, additional pages may be added.

Documents to be sent DIRECTLY to the D5020 Scholarship Chair:

- Language Ability Form (Section 4) - required if the candidate intends to study in a country where the native language is not English.
- Letters of Reference (Section 5) - We recommend a **minimum of three** detailed letters of reference, preferably from an academic, employer or supervisor.
- Academic Transcripts – the candidates most recent transcripts, sent directly from the academic institution to the D5020 Scholarship Chair.

NOTE: The application and all required documents must be received by the D5020 Scholarship Chair **no later than midnight of 15 January**, in either electronic or hard copy. Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered.

Dr, Harry Panjer, Chair
 District 5020 Scholarship Committee
 130 Hawkins Road
 Comox, BC, Canada
 V9M 3W7
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 Telephone: 250-650-7675

Do not forward this application to The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International.

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SECTION 1: APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Gender:

- Male
- Female

Permanent address:

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Secondary phone: _____

Country of citizenship: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address:

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Secondary phone: _____

NOMINATING/SPONSORING DISTRICT 5020 ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Club Name: _____

Club Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM DETAILS

Name of institution: _____

Location (city and country): _____

Institution’s website (URL): _____

Academic program: _____

Official language(s): _____

Anticipated start date: _____

Anticipated end date: _____

AREA OF FOCUS AND GOALS

With which area(s) of focus is the program of study aligned?

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Explain how your program of study relates to your selected area(s) of focus as defined by the statement of purpose and goals for the area of focus listed in the 2018-2019 D5020 Scholarship Handbook.

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Provide a description of the program coursework, such as a list of the classes you plan to attend and any relevant links to further information about the program on the website.

What past education, employment or volunteer experience has led to your interest in the academic program you propose to pursue?

SUSTAINABILITY AND MEASURABILITY

Describe your educational and professional goals, including your career plans, and how your chosen program of study will help to advance these goals.

What community needs will your work address during or after this program? How will your work contribute to addressing this need on a long-term basis?

Describe your ideal job situation five years after you complete this program of study.

SECTION 2: ESSAY

Attach to this application a two to three page typed essay describing:

- 1) how your program of study relates to the selected area(s) of focus;
- 2) your educational and professional goals;
- 3) how the scholarship will help you to advance these goals;
- 4) personal experiences and accomplishments related to your goals; and
- 5) if you are the successful candidate, what will you do before, during and after your scholarship period to fulfill the “ambassadorial” responsibilities of the scholarship?

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SECTION 3: ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

The Rotary Club of _____ endorses the application and confirms the eligibility of _____ for a D5020 District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (DRAS).

Did the Rotary club selection committee interview this candidate?

- Yes
- No

Each DRAS Scholar is assigned a Rotarian mentor from the endorsing club. The mentor must be a knowledgeable Rotarian who serves as a resource and mentor to the scholar before, during, and after the scholarship period.

The club president recommends the following Rotarian as a mentor, should the applicant receive a scholarship:

Name of Mentor: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Secondary phone: _____

Note: If no mentor is listed, the club president will be designated as the scholar's sponsor counselor.

Name of Club President (please print): _____

Signature of Club President : _____ Date: _____

President's Address: _____

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Secondary phone: _____

The endorsing club president is requested to make a complete photocopy of this application for club records.

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SECTION 4: ACADEMIC/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

PART I: To be completed by the applicant prior to completion of Part II by the recommender

Name of Applicant: _____

- I WAIVE my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation form.
- I DO NOT WAIVE my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation form.

Signature of Applicant: _____

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. How firm is the applicant’s commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

3. In what way would study abroad contribute to the applicant’s academic or professional development?

4. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Leadership				
Initiative				
Seriousness of purpose				
Enthusiasm				
Adaptability				
Maturity				
Emotional stability				
Public speaking				
Community service				

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5. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 4.

6. Additional comments: (You may attach additional comments to this form.)

Thank you for your assistance in completing this document.

Name: _____

Institution or Business: _____

Title or Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Business phone: _____

Cell/Mobile phone: _____

Please return this completed evaluation to:

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District 5020 Scholarship Committee
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SECTION 5: LANGUAGE ABILITY

PART I: To be completed by the applicant prior to completion of Part II by the recommender

Complete this form only if you intend to study in a country where the native language is different from your own.

Name of Applicant: _____

- I WAIVE my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation form.
- I DO NOT WAIVE my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation form.

Signature of Applicant: _____

1. For what language is this form being completed? _____

2. Summarize the formal education and training you have had in this language.

3. Summarize the informal training or experience you have had using this language.

4. If granted a scholarship in a country where this language is used, what additional language training will you undertake before departure?

NOTE: Rotary scholarship funds cannot be used for language training.

PART II: To be completed by a language instructor/recommender

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. Is your evaluation based on previous classes, tutoring or other means? Please specify.

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3. Please rate the applicant’s present language ability as follows:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Reading				
Writing				
Comprehension (aural)				
Speaking				

4. Please comment on the applicant’s ability to carry out a program of study using this language.

5. If the applicant’s command of the language is not adequate, what training would you recommend?

Name:

Institution or Business:

Title or Position:

Signature:

Date:

Email address:

Business phone:

Cell/Mobile phone:

Please return completed evaluation to:

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SECTION 6: APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

I hereby apply for a one year-District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship from District 5020. I certify that I am eligible to apply, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible: (a) a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian; (b) an employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity; (c) a spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adopted or not adopted), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in categories (a) or (b); and that Rotarians and their relatives as described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.

If I receive a Rotary District Ambassadorial Scholarship, I agree:

1. To learn about Rotary International and fulfill the ambassadorial responsibilities outlined in the DRAS Principles document posted on D5020’s web site (<http://www.rotary5020.org>)
2. To help promote Rotary International wherever possible and to permit The Rotary Foundation and District 5020 to use my name and all photographs and written reports generated through any of my activities related to my scholarship
3. That I am responsible for gaining admission at my assigned study institution, obtaining required visa(s), making appropriate travel arrangements, and completing all pre-departure requirements, and that I must abide by any decisions made by Rotary District 5020 officials concerning my scholarship
4. That I am responsible for all costs incurred in completing my pre-departure requirements, including any application or visa fees, any required exam fees, and securing appropriate insurance coverage
5. That I am responsible for all costs associated with my spouse or dependents or others who may accompany me during my scholarship period.
6. Because funding is tied to the Rotary year (July 1 – June 30), that my scholarship studies can begin no earlier than July 1st following the interview, and that I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken before this date. If I study at an institution located in the Southern Hemisphere, I would expect to begin my studies between January and March of the next calendar year.
7. That I am expected to embrace Rotary’s spirit of volunteerism and engage in volunteer activities from the time of scholarship application, through the term abroad, to a post-award commitment in my local community
8. That my scholarship will not necessarily enable me to earn a degree, diploma, or certificate
9. That I must advise District 5020 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year

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10. That the scholarship funding of US\$15,000 (or equivalent) is for only those items required for my studies (such as tuition and other required fees, books, academic supplies, travel to my study location at the commencement and end of my scholarship year, accommodation and food) and must be approved by District 5020. I further understand that I will need to seek alternate sources of funding if my costs exceed this amount

11. That I will submit reports to the D5020 Scholarship Chair on a regular basis, including quarterly reports explaining my academic progress and expenditures of DRAS Scholarship funds, and a final report including receipts for expenses of US\$75 and more paid from scholarship funds to meet the reporting requirements for the District 5020 Audit Committee for their scholarship year.

12. That my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons: my inability to secure admission to an institution approved by District 5020; low level of academic achievement; evidence of misconduct; failure to submit required reports on time; change in study program without consent of District 5020; withdrawal from institution before expiration of the scholarship term; deficient knowledge of the language of the study country and institution; failure to adequately fulfill ambassadorial duties; failure to attend an outbound orientation seminar or meet with the D5020 Scholarship Chair; failure to follow the directions of District 5020 officials; failure to provide my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and District 5020 with my current information including mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address at all times; failure to maintain regular monthly communications with my sponsor Rotarians, host Rotarians, and District 5020; or any contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship. I understand that revocation of a scholarship shall cause all payments to cease and may make me liable for the return of payments previously provided.

13. That Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, District 5020, the study institution, and individual Rotary clubs and Rotarians are in no way liable for a scholar's personal welfare or responsible for enabling a scholar to pursue his or her studies beyond the scholarship period. Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and District 5020 assume no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the scholarship.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____