

## **D9800 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARS – INFORMATION FOR CLUBS**

RI District 9800 is committed to identifying the best possible Victorian candidate for selection as the annual D9800 Global Grant Scholar.

Clubs are a vital element in the selection process

Clubs may wish to search for a suitable candidate or develop a candidate that has been referred to them.

In either event the role of the club is crucial.

If clubs wish to nominate a candidate this may only be done after an in depth and comprehensive interview process through which clubs indentify that the candidate is proposing to study in a field relevant to the Foundation's Six Areas of Focus and at an institution that complies with guidelines from The Rotary Foundation.

The interview process should also establish that not only does the candidate have the appropriate qualifications and credentials but that they have a history of personal activity that is consistent with their stated life goals and career aspirations and that these are consistent with the deliverables expected by The Rotary Foundation.

Suitable and extensive work experience will be an advantage in making a determination.

The stand out candidate will be the one that can demonstrate:

- Well-defined and realistic goals,
- Concrete ideas as to how he/she will make advances within his/her chosen career.
- Excellent leadership skills and potential
- A proven record of success in his/her academic field or vocation
- A personal commitment to community service
- Sincerity about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period

## NOTE FOR CLUBS THAT ARE NOT WITHIN D9800

D9800 welcomes and encourages nominations from clubs that are not part of D9800. In doing so such clubs will understand that they have not contributed to the funds that are available as the DDF (District Designated Fund) to D9800 in any given Rotary year.

Accordingly we would expect the nominating club to make a contribution towards the total funds requested by the candidate. For a scholarship requesting our maximum grant of US\$60,000 for example, a contribution of US\$5,000 would be appropriate to supplement a contribution of US\$25,000 from D9800's DDF to trigger the maximum available match from the World Fund (US\$30,000).

If the sponsor club for the successful candidate wished to make additional cash contributions to provide for a larger scholarship amount that is a matter for the club but does need to be advised as part of the application.

For small clubs or for other demonstrable relevant reasons the District may consider a lesser amount for the co-contribution.

## **PROCESS**

After the interview, the Chair of the interview committee should forward the completed application together with a summary of the interview and recommendation. The interview summary should include information about the candidate's positive attributes and those aspects that may pose areas for concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information that may be required or to discuss any aspects of the endorsement of potential Global grant Scholars.

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