



STANDARD SELECTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Scholarship Notes

- The term of the GRSP Scholarship Year is defined as beginning of your college or university's fall term and ends on the day following your last academic exam of spring term 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 terms at a Georgia College or University.
- The scholarship covers undergraduate-level courses only.
- Applicants must be between 18 and 24 years of age as of August 1 of the year the GRSP scholarship begins.
- Applicants who are married, or engaged to be married, are not eligible to be awarded a GRSP scholarship.
- 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is unable to secure admission into the institution selected, the scholarship offer will unfortunately have to be withdrawn.
- Applicants do not get to choose the school that they attend in Georgia. The school is chosen by the sponsoring Rotary Club or Clubs.

Completing the application

Please note, this application must be completed ENTIRELY before exiting. It CANNOT be partially completed and saved. We suggest you print out a PDF and gather the information you need (including preparing your essay questions) before you start the application.

- 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 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 keep the image under 10 MB of memory.
 - File format can be JPG, PNG, or GIF
 - Make sure that the photo is loaded onto the application in the proper layout configuration - (not sideways or upside down).

Please note: If you do not receive a confirmation email of your application submission, your application has not been received by GRSP.



- Please remember a picture is worth a thousand words, so **SMILE**! Share a picture that shows your personality. Passport photos do not make the best student profile photos.



Required Supporting Materials

Your application is not considered complete until all supporting documents have been received.

Once you have submitted the application, you will receive a confirmation email. The confirmation email will contain a link to edit your application and a link to upload any supporting materials. Supporting materials required include:

1. Final high school (secondary/gymnasium) transcript.

- a. If your transcripts are not in English, please provide an English translation. While GRSP does not have to have the documents translated through a service, if you are chosen for the program, you will be required to submit such documents to the college/university for which you will be applying.

2. College/University Transcripts

- a. If presently in University, send transcript of each year attended including courses currently under study.
- b. If your transcripts are not in English, please provide an English translation in addition to a copy in the original language.

3. Two (2) teacher recommendation forms.

- 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 Scores

- a. SAT scores are needed for all applicants.
- b. To meet English proficiency requirements, schools will accept a SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing minimum score of 480. They will also accept a SAT Math score of 480. It is important that we have your SAT Reading/Math scores at the time of your application submission or the date scheduled for your test(s) noted on your application. Your tests should be taken before December 1 in order to have results returned prior to the GRSP student



selection process. Not having the test scores sent to us in a timely fashion will greatly impact the likelihood of your acceptance. [SAT testing dates and deadlines are available here.](#)

- c. **Be sure to send the results to Georgia Rotary Student Program for those tests. Not having test scores sent to us in a timely fashion will greatly impact the likelihood of your acceptance.** 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.

5. TOEFL Scores

- a. TOEFL scores are also needed for applicants that are not from native English-speaking countries.
- b. To meet English proficiency requirements, schools will accept a TOEFL IBT minimum score of 79. It is important that we have your TOEFL IBT at the time of your application submission or the date scheduled for your test(s) noted on your application. Your tests should be taken before December 1 in order to have results returned prior to the GRSP student selection process. Not having the test scores sent to us in a timely fashion will greatly impact the likelihood of your acceptance. [TOEFL testing dates and deadlines are available here.](#)
- c. **Be sure to send the results to Georgia Rotary Student Program for those tests. Not having test scores sent to us in a timely fashion will greatly impact the likelihood of your acceptance.** 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

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.
 - a. If you have no connection to Rotary International, "[find a Club to Endorse You](#)" near you to approach about a recommendation.

6. A copy of your passport

- a. Make sure your passport will not expire within 6 months before your departure at the end of the May 2026 academic year. If it will expire, you will need to go ahead and begin your renewal process.

Make sure you save a copy of your application and all supporting documents for your records prior to submitting to the GRSP office.

If accepted and offered a scholarship, we will assist you with your admissions process with your assigned college or university. In the event that the school determines you do not meet its admissions standards, the scholarship offer will unfortunately have to be withdrawn.



Financial Commitment for Students

Before you begin, please understand please understand that this is not a fully-funded scholarship and is non-renewable. 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.

GRSP FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

GRSP SCHOLARSHIP PAYS

- Application and orientation fees
- Tuition and mandatory course fees for up to 12 credit hours
- Room and meals
- \$500 per term toward medical insurance costs

STUDENT PAYS

UPFRONT COSTS

- Passports (\$165)
- Visa fees (average \$550)
- Transportation expenses to and from the United States (average \$2,000 per year)
- Required transcript translation and/or evaluations (average \$250 per transcript)

SCHOOL EXPENSES

- Required medical insurance costs (estimated \$3,400 per year)
- Income taxes imposed by the U.S. Treasury (estimated \$1,900 per year)
- Textbooks (average \$500 per year)

PERSONAL EXPENSES

- Personal spending money
- Travel money: Many students like to take additional, optional trips to explore the US. The average cost for non GRSP trips requiring flights: \$1,800

The GRSP Standard Selection scholarship pays scholastic costs, including application and orientation fees for the college or university, tuition, dormitory, 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 and most often includes but is not limited to:

- Passport and SEVIS/Visa fees
- any transcript translation and/or evaluation expenses
- Transportation expenses to and from the United States,
- Required medical insurance costs
- Income taxes imposed on non-scholarship income by the U.S. Treasury
- textbooks
- personal spending money and personal travel 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. It will be the sole discretion of the college/university to determine 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.

All Insurance plans must be approved by the College or University, NOT GRSP

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.

Questions? Contact us at grsp@grsp.org.