

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ROTARY DISTRICT 2080 “Empowering Girls”

Scholarship for postgraduate master’s degree (post-3-year or 5-year cycle of study)

Art. 1 - Purpose of the Scholarship

The Rotary District 2080 will provide a scholarship of up to a maximum of € 30,000.00 gross of withholding taxes for the Rotarian year 2021-2022, through funds received from voluntary donations from individual clubs in the 2080 district, offered on the occasion of visits to clubs of the Governor of District 2080, Dr Gabriele Andria, in the Rotary year 2021/2022. A second scholarship may be awarded if additional funds become available.

The scholarship aims to obtain a first or second level postgraduate university master’s degree, to be obtained in the academic year 2022-2023 in a university, present in the 2080 district, to be chosen by the scholarship candidates.

The master must be related to one of the following areas:

- Maternal and child health
- Economic and community development

The scholarship only covers:

- 1) registration and tuition fees for the master;
- 2) travel expenses in economy class;
- 3) personal accommodation and meals;
- 4) health insurance.

Art. 2 - Recipients of the scholarship

The scholarship is aimed primarily at girls of non-Italian citizenship, coming from countries with a low schooling rate, limited access to higher education and low female employment rates.

Only in the absence of foreign candidates, applications from Italian candidates will also be evaluated. In any case, the scholarship will be awarded to a candidate with a low personal or family income.

Candidates must not have 1st or 2nd-degree family ties with Rotarians and have the qualifications required to attend the aforementioned master's degree (typically, a three-year degree in order to obtain access to a first-level master's degree, or a first-level master's degree in order to obtain access to a second-level master's), in addition to all documents necessary for entry and stay in Italy as required by current legislation.

Art. 3 Application procedure

Candidates must submit their application form using the appropriate application forms (Annex 1 and Annex 2).

Candidates must attach to their application:

1. curriculum vitae;
2. professional growth project that they intend to pursue after the activity covered by the scholarship, explaining the relevance of their personal and professional experience to the Rotarian ideals, as well as clearly illustrating the objectives they intend to achieve through the scholarship (Sections 2 and 3 of Annex 1);
3. a letter of reference using the appropriate form (Annex no. 3);
4. evidence of admission to the chosen master or, alternatively, documentation relating to the academic path they intend to follow, with a written commitment to pursue the aforementioned path in case of obtaining the scholarship;
5. copy of a valid identity document.

Applications can be submitted through a club in the 2080 district or directly to the district.

Applications can be submitted in Italian or English.

Applications and all required annexes must be sent by e-mail to rf.borsedistudio2122@rotary2080.org no later than March 31, 2022, to the District 2080 Secretariat. The district will send confirmation of receipt of the application, and it is the candidate's responsibility to verify, well in advance, the receipt of the confirmation of delivery of the application.

This announcement and its annexes can be downloaded from [www. Rotary2080.org](http://www.Rotary2080.org).

Art. 4 Application evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the District 2080 Governor, whose judgment is indisputable.

The commission will score applications using a total of 100 points, distributed as follows:

- evaluation of the curriculum: maximum 20 points;
- evaluation of the quality of the project: maximum 20 points;
- interview: maximum 60 points.

The evaluation will take place in two phases:

- 1) evaluation of qualifications and the project and
- 2) subsequent interview.

Candidates who have achieved at least 20 points overall between the evaluation of qualifications and the project are admitted to the interview.

The following aspects will be evaluated:

- **Curriculum:** graduation grade, training courses attended, any research activities and publications, results obtained in academic and/or professional fields;
- **Quality of the project:** clarity of the project; feasibility of the objectives illustrated, application to the professional life of the knowledge acquired through the proposed master's;
- **Interview:** leadership skills and potential; sharing of Rotarian ideals, knowledge of the Italian language (if the chosen master is in Italian), alternatively knowledge of the English language will be assessed. The interview will take place in person at the address that will be subsequently communicated to the admitted candidates or virtually.

Art. 5 - Activities to be carried out by the clubs of District 2080 (Rome-Lazio-Sardinia)

The district clubs have the task of disseminating this announcement in the territory in which they are located, involving the universities of the district's constituency, using the appropriate document prepared by District 2080, promoting the announcement.

Candidates may be presented by any of the clubs in the district, which, for this purpose, must:

- be qualified;
- receive the applications from applicants for the scholarship, verify the possession of the pre-requisites required by the announcement and the completeness of the attached documentation;
- prepare an accompanying letter to the application of the candidate for the scholarship, which evidences that she shares the Rotarian ideals and that they are evident from her academic track record and other activities carried out;
- send the application with the annexes and the accompanying letter to the secretariat of the 2080 district by e-mail within the deadlines prescribed by this announcement.

Proposing Clubs are recommended to contact the Scholarship Commission at the following e-mail address: rf.borsedistudio2122@rotary2080.org.

If the applications are received directly from a candidate, the district will subsequently identify a referring club that will follow the candidate throughout the academic path.

Art. 6 Notice to candidates

If the scholarship is awarded, the candidate is required to participate in a Rotary orientation session before departure and during the attendance of the master's and, if invited, to attend Rotary meetings and events.

The scholarship cannot be disbursed if, in the event of the scholarship being awarded, the candidate decides to renounce attending the master's for which she had applied, or, in case of non-admission to the master's itself.

The grant will be paid in two instalments upon delivery of the required documentation.



Art. 7 Exclusions

No applications can be submitted regarding:

- study paths longer than one year;
- study paths already started at the time of publication of the announcement.

Art. 8 Activities by District 2080

The District Scholarship Commission provides for the publication of the announcement and its dissemination in the Clubs of the District for widespread involvement of the same on the importance of this activity in the context of Rotarian programs.