

Dear Editor,

While war rages in the Middle East and throughout the world, peace and cross-cultural understanding have become more important than ever. That is why I have committed myself to building a foundation for goodwill throughout the global community, by joining Rotary International as it works for peace. Rotary, in partnership with leading universities, has created Centers for International Studies, where scholars can study effective conflict resolution, and train to become future leaders dedicated to peace.

As a Rotary World Peace Scholar, I will study [academic specialty as it relates to peace and conflict resolution] beginning [date] at [University] in [City, Country]. Thanks to the Rotary Club of [City, State], I will serve as an ambassador of goodwill during my two years abroad. I will represent [Country] and [Hometown], while building cross-cultural skills and fostering international exchange.

The program provides scholarships to 70 master's degree-level students from around the world each year, to study international relations at seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The Centers are located at universities in the United States, Japan, France, Argentina, England and Australia.

[Add biographical information focusing on your work in the community and future professional goals.]

The Rotary Centers are a stepping-stone toward a better world. I believe this experience will enrich me both professionally and culturally, as I work toward a world without prejudice, hatred, and strife. I am honored with the opportunity to become a future leader with a vision of world peace. *Now* is the time to create cross-cultural respect, peace and understanding worldwide.

Rotary World Peace Scholar