



The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Team Member Application

Before completing this application, please read the *Group Study Exchange Brochure* (160-EN). This publication offers a general overview and the mission statement of the Group Study Exchange program. Candidates should be fully aware of the program's eligibility criteria and objectives before applying.

Please print or type. Do not use initials.

This completed application must be submitted to the local Rotary club sponsoring your candidacy. GSE team member candidates should not submit applications directly to The Rotary Foundation. Applications submitted directly to the Foundation will not be accepted and may result in missing the district application deadline.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name in full (as it appears on your passport)

FIRST (GIVEN)	MIDDLE	LAST (FAMILY)
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ (DD/MM/YYYY)		

Mailing address (required)

NUMBER AND STREET	
CITY/TOWN	STATE/PROVINCE
POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
HOME TELEPHONE	OFFICE TELEPHONE
FAX	E-MAIL
Country of Citizenship _____	Country of Birth _____

Person to notify in case of emergency

RELATIONSHIP	
NAME	TELEPHONE
ADDRESS	
FAX	E-MAIL

EMPLOYMENT RECORD: List current employment first (must be full-time)

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
DATES OF EMPLOYMENT (REQUIRED) FROM MONTH/YEAR TO MONTH/YEAR	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT (REQUIRED) FROM MONTH/YEAR TO MONTH/YEAR	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT (REQUIRED) FROM MONTH/YEAR TO MONTH/YEAR
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TEAM MEMBER APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

To be a candidate for a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team, you must currently be employed full-time in any recognized business or profession and must have worked in your vocational field for at least two years by the time of application. You must also plan to remain in the workforce for a considerable amount of time after the exchange, so that the travel experience will have a significant impact on your professional career. You must be between the ages of 25 and 40 at the time of application and a citizen of the country in which you reside. You must either be employed or reside in the sending district.

If I am selected to be a member of the district GSE team, I agree to the following **conditions of award**. I will:

Predeparture

- Obtain and pay for insurance valid and payable in the country(ies) in which the team will travel and visit. The insurance coverage must extend from the date of departure through the official end of the trip. Foundation regulations require a **minimum of**: US\$250,000 for medical care and/or hospitalization for basic major medical expenses, including accident and illness expense, hospitalization, and related benefits; \$50,000 for emergency medical evacuation; \$10,000 for accidental death and dismemberment; and \$20,000 for repatriation of remains. Please note that higher amounts are recommended, as well as insurance coverage for luggage and personal items. By requiring insurance herein, Rotary International/The Rotary Foundation does not represent that these coverages and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect the Participant. **Participants should consult with an insurance professional to determine which coverages and limits will be adequate to cover them in the geographical location(s) visited. Rotary International/The Rotary Foundation do not provide any type of insurance to the Participants of these programs.**
- Complete, sign, and return to the district GSE chair the official **Certification of Insurance Coverage** (included in the *Group Study Exchange Team Handbook* [164-EN]), noting the name of the insurance company and the comprehensive dates for which the insurance coverage is valid. The insured should read and thoroughly understand insurance policies of this type, especially regarding any exclusions that may exist (e.g., most insurance policies will not cover death or injury occurring in a privately owned aircraft).
- Have a medical examination and submit to the district GSE chair the official **Medical Certificate** (included in the *Group Study Exchange Team Handbook* [164-EN]), completed and signed by the examining physician(s).
- Actively participate in a language and cultural training program if language differences exist between the paired districts.
- Participate in 12 hours of orientation or a regional GSE orientation seminar if offered in my area.

During exchange

- Accept the decisions of the team leader at all times.
- **Remain with the group throughout the study program**, except during those periods when individual activities are specifically provided, unless excused by the team leader. Inform the team leader of my whereabouts at all times.
- Maintain standards of behavior and deportment during my travels with the study team that will reflect credit on Rotary, my district, and my country.
- Refrain from engaging in dangerous activities.
- Refrain from engaging in any type of medical practice or activity including but not limited to routine medical procedures, surgical procedures, dental practice, contact with infectious diseases. Educational program participants who engage in this type of prohibited activity are reminded that they are solely responsible for any and all liability that may arise from their participation in this activity, including providing for adequate insurance.
- Have sufficient funds to meet my personal and incidental expenses while abroad.

Post-exchange

- Participate in a post-exchange debriefing.
- Within two months of my return home, submit a GSE Final Report (included in the *Group Study Exchange Team Handbook* [164-EN]) of my study tour experiences and a copy of the GSE Evaluation Form to the GSE chair.
- Consider Rotary or Rotaract membership, if invited.
- Take every opportunity after my return home to share what I have learned through informal contacts and by addressing Rotary clubs and other appropriate organizations.
- Attend at least one Rotary club meeting with my employer to hear my team's post-GSE presentation. This will allow my employer to understand the significance of the exchange experience.

I hereby release and discharge Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which I or my successors, dependents, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may or hereafter have against any or all of such parties on account of or in connection with The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange or my participation therein. I agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which any such party may incur on account of or in connection with my participation in The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange. The foregoing release and indemnity shall continue to apply to each officer, director, agent, or employee even though such individuals may cease to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of such individuals. The foregoing release and indemnity shall not apply to the cost of my transportation to and from the receiving district. I agree that I will abide by all Foundation decisions related to travel safety. If the Foundation determines, in its sole discretion, at any point in the Group Study Exchange (GSE) process that my safety as a GSE participant in the host country is or could

be at risk, the Foundation may require that the GSE itinerary be modified, cancelled, or indefinitely postponed. If already in the host country, my GSE team may be asked to return home immediately. In such instances, I agree to abide by the Foundation's decision as to what, if any, alternatives are available to GSE teams whose trips have been modified, cancelled, or postponed due to safety concerns.

I freely accept the conditions outlined above, understanding that:

- The GSE subcommittee or selection committee has the final authority to select team members. Team members or alternates may be disqualified at any time, if deemed appropriate.
- I will reimburse The Rotary Foundation the cost of round-trip airfare if my standard of behavior warrants dismissal from the team.
- The award from The Rotary Foundation provides only for payment of transportation at a rate not to exceed round-trip economy airfare from point of departure in the sending district to point of entry in the receiving district. Accommodations and travel in the district will be provided by local Rotarians during the study tour.
- Should I be required to return home prematurely due to travel safety concerns, and I choose to stay, I accept all responsibility for my safe return home and agree to forfeit my Foundation award.
- I certify that I am not: 1) a Rotarian; 2) an employee of a club, district or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; 3) the spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood and stepchild, legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the foregoing two categories, or the spouse of another team member on the same team.
- I certify that the selection committee is aware of my relationship (professional or personal) to any Rotarians sponsoring my candidacy.
- To promote understanding and goodwill, when appearing in my own country as a member of a Rotary Foundation GSE team, I will recognize the right of each person to his/her own opinions and will therefore be cautious about expressing my own personal opinions concerning any controversial, political, racial, or religious issue.
- The Rotary Foundation (TRF) will share my name and contact details with other GSE teams and Foundation alumni groups upon request. Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, by submission of the photos in connection with my final report, I hereby give publication rights to RI and TRF for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and websites. I also authorize RI and TRF to share photos from my final report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary. I do not authorize RI, TRF, or any other entity to use these photos for any commercial purpose.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)

DATE

ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

After consideration of _____ applicants, **the Rotary Club of _____**
MANDATORY

proposes _____ for membership on the district Group Study Exchange team and forwards his/her application for consideration by the district Group Study Exchange subcommittee.

NAME OF CURRENT CLUB PRESIDENT (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF CLUB PRESIDENT (MANDATORY)

DATE

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT

District # _____

_____ has been selected to be a member of our district's Group Study Exchange team. The Group Study Exchange selection committee was composed according to Foundation Trustee policy.

NAME OF CURRENT DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR (MANDATORY)

DATE

NAME OF CURRENT DISTRICT GSE CHAIR (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT GSE CHAIR (MANDATORY)

DATE

NAME OF CURRENT DISTRICT GOVERNOR (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR (MANDATORY)

DATE

Once the team is selected, the district GSE chair should submit the completed application along with all team member applications and insurance and medical certificates to the GSE coordinator via e-mail or fax at 847-556-2143.