

Rotary District 5930 Costa Rica International Scholarship Experience

Dear District 5930 Rotary Club President, President-Elect, and Secretary:

On behalf of the leadership of Rotary District 5930, I am pleased to provide for your review and distribution to interested undergraduate students information regarding the Costa Rica International Scholarship experience to Costa Rica from May 26 to June 8, 2018 to serve as volunteer members of a medical brigade team sponsored by the International Service Learning (ISL) organization.

Role of Volunteers: ISL Teams identify the needs of a community by performing public health surveys and refer individuals in need to an ISL field clinic. At the clinic, volunteers participate, under the direct supervision of local, licensed health professionals, in patient interviews, take vital signs, perform basic triage, and fill prescriptions. Volunteers also have an opportunity to closely observe the examination, diagnosis, and treatment processes. Teams are led by professional staff and accompanied by bilingual assistants. The level of participation of each team member is determined by his/her own comfort level.

Qualifications for Consideration: To be considered for participation in this experience, the applicant must:

1. Have completed by the time of departure two years of college or university study and have a declared major compatible with one of the following Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus:
 - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
 - Disease Prevention and Treatment
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Basic Education and Literacy
 - Economic and Community Development(The attached document titled *Rotary Areas of Focus Policy Statements* provides a detailed explanation of each area.)
2. **Complete and submit the attached application with the required documents by November 8, 2017 to Marissa Longoria at marissa.longoria@laredo.edu.**
3. Be sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 5930 and reside in District 5930, attend college or university in District 5930, or have graduated from a high school in District 5930. (Rotarians and family members of Rotarians are not eligible to apply to participate.). Membership in a Rotaract club does not affect eligibility.
4. To obtain the sponsorship of a Rotary club, applicants must be interviewed and recommended for this scholarship preferably by the President of a Rotary Club in District 5930. Applicants are encouraged to go to <http://www.rotary5930.org/ClubDirectory> to contact the President or other officer of a Rotary club to make arrangements for an interview. The recommendation form, which is part of the application, must be completed and submitted as part of the application packet.
5. **Participation in a Competitive Interview:** Competitive interviews will be conducted by the District 5930 Scholarship Committee on November 18, 2017 at the Best Western Northwest Corpus Christi Inn & Suites located at 3838 U.S. Highway 77, Corpus Christi, TX 78410.

Expenses Paid by Rotary District 5930: ISL registration fees, room and board (some meals), and round-trip coach air fare (including airport departure tax) from Corpus Christi, Victoria, McAllen, or Laredo to San Jose Costa Rica (air transportation arranged by Rotary District 5930). All expenses of a personal nature, including cost for passport, some lunches, and personal medical equipment (e.g., stethoscope) are the responsibility of the applicant.

ISL, which provides this service, is a separate entity not affiliated with Rotary International or Rotary District 5930. Rotary District 5930's involvement is limited to the payment for the services specifically described above.

Additional Requirements: Selected applicants must be available to make presentations to their Sponsor Rotary Club and Rotary District 5930 Conference in the spring of 2019 and during the 2018-2019 school year (e.g., before and after the trip).

Thank very much in advance for sharing this information with interested students. Feel free to contact Costa Rica Scholarship Committee Chair Marissa Longoria (956-324-6932; marissa.longoria@laredo.edu) or me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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