



Georgia Rotary Student Program Overview 2020

History of the Georgia Rotary Student Program

This is a story of a vibrant, living and compelling desire to further the Rotary ideal of international service through the bonds of friendship and understanding; a story of a small group of Georgia Rotarians dedicated to a humanitarian ideal which led an entire state into an adventure of international service. It is a story that Georgia Rotarians believe should be told, not in the spirit of boastful pride, but as offering an example of international service which has not only encompassed the world, but in return, has given Georgia Rotarians the deep satisfaction achieved through an unselfish application of Service Above Self. It is a story of Georgia Rotarians who dreamed that students from war-torn Europe, eager for peace, could come to the United States and study in Georgia colleges and universities and learn about the American way of life.

Since 1946, Georgia Rotarians have promoted "*world peace through understanding*" by offering scholarships to international students for one academic year of study in Georgia colleges and universities. Georgia Rotary Clubs sponsor students recommended by Rotary Clubs from their home countries. The students become adopted members of Georgia "host families," but live on-campus at the school they attend. This is a scholarship program, not an exchange program. Each year, students from all over the world make friends in the United States and learn about other nations and differing cultures and lifestyles. Georgia Rotarians believe "Peace is Possible" and through GRSP promote international goodwill through the bonds of friendship and understanding.

This one-year cultural scholarship program pays for tuition, matriculation fees, room and board, and a book allowance. Scholars attend one of 34 different colleges and universities in Georgia for one academic year beginning in August and ending the following May, and have Rotarians serving as their host families.

In the Fall of 1946, three young men and one young woman from European countries became the first Rotary sponsored students to attend schools in Georgia. Through the years, the interest of Georgia Rotarians in this program grew in intensity; the per capita contribution by Rotarians and the special club donations increased, permitting a steady increase in the number of scholarships granted. The State University System, as

well as privately operated institutions, early on recognized the value of the program, and by waiving out-of-state registration fees, materially aided in the reduction of the cost of scholarships. In the years since the inception of the program, over 3,300 young men and women from 107 countries have been brought to Georgia campuses by its Rotarians.

The GRSP is a one-year, non-degree seeking program whose purpose is to promote world peace and understanding through the means of education. Some students do remain in the United States at their own expense, after their GRSP year, to obtain a degree. GRSP has no obligation to support them, nor does GRSP have any control over them forcing them to return home. Students must carry a full load of subjects, maintain good academic standing in school, and allow their transcripts to be released to GRSP which become a part of their file.

The GRSP is not an exchange program; no American student goes to another country in exchange for an international student in Georgia. In the broadest sense, however, we do exchange cultures and make lasting friendships. Students must pay their transportation to and from the United States, purchase medical insurance, provide proof of access to \$3,000.00 spending money while in Georgia, and pay any taxes imposed on the scholarship money by the US Government. Indigent students cannot finance this amount of money – thus the GRSP scholarship is not a needs-based scholarship. While students must meet the entrance criteria for the school they are chosen to attend, the students are not selected merely on academic performance – thus the GRSP is not an academic scholarship.

The Georgia Rotary Student Program is a special and unique international service project of all the Rotary Districts in Georgia. There is no other Program like GRSP in the entire Rotary World. GRSP pre-dates The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarship Program by one year and receives no funding whatsoever from by The Rotary Foundation.

Selecting a Student

The GRSP office has a large number of Rotarians all over the world who regularly screen and endorse candidates for our program each year. Georgia Rotarians believe that the bonds of international friendship can be strengthened with Rotarians in other countries by nominating students for the scholarships offered. However, it is of prime importance that everyone in the Rotary world knows about GRSP and recommends eligible candidates. In more recent years, due to worldwide tension and the role of American foreign policy, our number of qualified applicants has been slowly declining, so it is of utmost interest that we reach everyone possible. With the help of the current District Governors, a special letter is e-mailed to District Governors-Elect around the world in February promoting our program for the coming year. The next time you travel abroad, please visit a Rotary Club and tell them about the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

Georgia Rotarians operate GRSP by granting scholarships to students to study in Georgia colleges and universities. By using the means of scholarships, we are trying to promote international goodwill through the bonds of friendship and understanding with one another. Our plan does not contemplate an “exchange” of students, and there is no obligation in return to accept any students from the United States.

The Rotary Clubs in Georgia select the students and provide them with a host family - even though recipients are required to live on the college campus. The scholarship covers one academic year (from August to May) and is for study ONLY in Georgia colleges and universities. The school to be attended in Georgia will be selected by the Georgia Rotary Club and processed for admission by GRSP. The school will be suitable for the student to follow his or her proposed course of study. In the event that the school determines that the student does not meet its admissions standards, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn. GRSP pays all scholastic costs, including tuition, book allowance, college provided room and food. Taxes imposed on non-scholarship income by the U.S. Treasury are the student's responsibility.

GRSP Scholars must be nominated by a Rotary Club in their home country, be between 18 and 25 years of age, be able to pay for round-trip transportation and health insurance, meet the admission requirements to a Georgia college or university, and have \$3,000.00 in spending money for incidentals. The GRSP Scholar candidate must not have

previously studied in the United States for longer than four months. Applicants who are married, or engaged to be married, are not eligible to be awarded a GRSP scholarship. Consideration is given to the applicant's social motivation in his/her choice of life goals. With a primary objective of fostering World Peace through Understanding, GRSP seeks candidates with life objectives that will bring them into contact with the greatest number of people in their native countries.

After receiving a book of one-page summaries of the GRSP Scholar applicants in November for the President-Elects to review and consider, Rotary Clubs begin choosing in December the students they wish to sponsor as well as the school the students will attend. The GRSP office has nothing whatsoever to do with selecting students or the school. The GRSP Office ensures the student selected meets the admission criteria at the school they have been chosen to attend. Any Club wishing to sponsor a student is allowed to do so. Sometimes more than one Club will co-sponsor a student and share in the sponsorship, financial and host family responsibilities.

In January, the GRSP Trustees meet in Savannah to choose the student their clubs wish to sponsor as well as the school the student will attend. The selection process is one that is fair and every Club whose commitment form is into the GRSP Home Office by the specified deadline is eligible to choose in the first round. In the case of multiple Clubs choosing a student as their first choice, GRSP Trustees from the Clubs literally have a draw. In the case of a student having only one Club choose them as a first choice, that student automatically goes to that Club. Clubs who do not get their commitment forms in by the specified deadline are allowed to choose in the second round.

After Rotary Clubs make their selections, the GRSP Home Office ensures the students meet the school's eligibility requirements. After verification, scholarships are offered to the students via e-mail with the sponsoring club copied. The student is told which school he/she has been selected to attend and given a few days to respond. Upon student acceptance, the host club(s) is notified, and the process begins with the student completing the school's application, immunization, health, financial and housing forms. These forms are sent to the school with GRSP's financial guarantee. GRSP waits for the school to issue the I-20 Form (a form from the school informing the U.S. government the GRSP Scholar is eligible for F-1 Student Status). The GRSP Home Office takes care of

all the details necessary to have the student admitted into college and maintains constant contact to assure the process is complete. After the selection process is completed and documentation for attending schools is completed, most students begin arriving in Georgia in August for the beginning of the school year.

Selecting a Host Family

The GRSP Host Family is the “key” to a great year for the GRSP student – because a good relationship between the Host Family and the GRSP Scholar is vital to a successful year. While GRSP students are required to live on campus, it is essential they have the support of his or her GRSP Host Family. Ideally, any problems that arise for the GRSP student can be solved with the help of the GRSP Host Family. The GRSP Host Family is literally the student’s American Family and should treat their student as they would their own child.

While Clubs and Host Families do not have any financial obligation to the student beyond the amount, they pay to GRSP for their pledge, Host Families often go out-of-pocket for incidentals (and more) during the year.

To ensure a great year, the Club’s Host Family should be a stable, mature, and responsible Rotarian who is very interested in the success of the GRSP. The Club President should review the Host Family Handbook with the Host Family (can access on GRSP web site at www.grsp.org under Host Families tab) and ensure that both understand their responsibilities to their GRSP Student, and that the Club’s Host Family is willing to undertake those responsibilities – including those highlighted below. The Host Family should begin communicating with their GRSP student immediately after the student’s acceptance into school and stays in touch with the GRSP student throughout the year – and copies the Club President on all communications – because, ultimately, the Club President is responsible for his/her GRSP Student.

Pre-arrival communications with new GRSP student and their family – especially last minute communications

- Include information about the GRSP Host family and family photos.
- Provide literature about your city and Georgia – discuss climate and general geography and history.
- Let the student know of your Club’s expectations – that Rotary activities take priority over all other activities.
- Advise your GRSP student of need to bring slides, map or video and native costume – if applicable.
- Recommend your GRSP student bring several Club Exchange Banners from their sponsoring Rotary Club and gifts to share.
- Request your GRSP student’s travel itinerary as soon as possible.
- Provide all contact information for your GRSP Host Family and yourself – telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and home address.
- Telephone your GRSP student and his/her parents and express welcome.
- Provide information about your GRSP student’s college (size, location, web site, send college goodies).
- Answer questions of your GRSP student - raise his/her comfort level and begin bonds of friendship.
- Extend open invitation for your GRSP student’s parents/family to visit during year.

Meet GRSP student at airport, hosting prior to entering college and assisting in setting up the dormitory “home”

- Make final contact before your GRSP student departs for Georgia.
- Make your GRSP student feel welcome immediately when he/she arrives and remember he/she will arrive with heavy luggage.
- Have a special club event after your GRSP student arrives to meet everyone in your Club.
- Set-up a meeting between your GRSP Trustee and your GRSP student as soon as possible – for they both have much to discuss.
- Find dates for college orientation and have your GRSP student at his/her dormitory in time to set-up for the start of college.
- Take your GRSP student on shopping trip(s) to get any needed items.
- Help your GRSP student open bank accounts, phone accounts, cable television, etc.
- Begin explaining Georgia law on alcohol, drugs and driving to your GRSP student.
- Get your GRSP student’s contact info – telephone, e-mail and mailing address.
- Make your GRSP student aware of Georgia’s special pests such as gnats, fire ants, roaches and snakes.
- Make your GRSP student aware of costs for food, movies, entertainment, etc.
- Make your GRSP student aware of the mandatory requirement to attend the GRSP Conclave and the District Conference.
- Purchase a pocket appointment calendar for your GRSP student to manage school, Rotary and host family activity dates.
- Be sure your GRSP student notifies you if he/she leaves school overnight.

Hosting during weekends, holidays and semester breaks when dormitories are closed and assisting in transporting to GRSP events as well as in helping students depart for home

- Coordinate plans early in year after finding dates that school breaks occur.
- Let student know you expect them to be at your home for holidays.
- Call student weekly and set up times for visits – stay in touch and involved.
- Get fellow Rotary Club members involved with student in hosting for various activities and events (share the experience!).
- Stay in contact with student and notify GRSP office of address changes as they occur in the life of the student.
- Encourage students to see Georgia, meet other GRSP students, attend GRSP weekends and share their culture.
- Copy all communication with students to GRSP Home Office.
- Help your GRSP student with his/her plans for departure.

What does the GRSP Scholarship Cover?

Our GRSP Scholarship Covers:

The scholarship covers one scholastic year (from August to May) and is for study ONLY in colleges and universities located in the State of Georgia, U.S.A.

The school to be attended in Georgia will be selected and processed for admission by the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

The school will be suitable for the student to follow his or her proposed course of study.

In the event that the school determines that the GRSP student does not meet its admissions standards, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

Our GRSP Scholarship Pays:

The Scholarship pays all scholastic costs, including tuition, book allowance, college provided room, and food.

Our GRSP Scholarship Does Not Pay:

The GRSP scholarship DOES NOT cover transportation expenses to or from the United States (see Section III-2 for Transportation/Additional Funds Guarantee) or medical insurance costs (see Section III-3).

What is the Club's Responsibility?

The Club President has a duty to ensure that his/her Rotary Club is fulfilling its responsibilities to its GRSP student, its GRSP Host Family, its GRSP Trustee and to the Rotary Club itself.

Pay attention to the Club's deadlines for sponsorship of a GRSP student:

- NOVEMBER: Choose the Club's GRSP Host Family
- DECEMBER: The President-Elect will receive the GRSP Student Selection Book on-line. Along with a Club's alliance Clubs, select eight students that all club(s) will be content to have as their GRSP Student for the year.
- DECEMBER: Club President(s) sharing a GRSP student sponsorship determine who will have the "Lead Club" designation and who will have "Back-up Club" designation. Share name and contact information for your GRSP Host Families.
- DECEMBER: Clubs submit their selection sheet - before the deadline - to the GRSP Home Office in Savannah. If a Club misses the deadline, it will hurt their chances of getting the GRSP Student it wants.
- JANUARY: Final GRSP Student selection.
- AUGUST: GRSP Students arrive in Georgia

Club's responsibilities to its GRSP Student are:

- Make your GRSP Student feel welcome at all times.
- Make Rotary a meaningful part of your GRSP Student's life.
- Involve your GRSP Student in Club meetings, socials, projects and activities (including Interact and Rotaract).
- Include your GRSP Student in all of your Rotary Club's general e-mails.
- Keep your GRSP Student's home sponsoring Rotary Club apprised of what's happening throughout the year.
- Schedule a Rotary Club program for your student in September for introductions and in May to bid farewell.
- Invite a consulate representative from your GRSP Student's country to speak to your Rotary Club.

Club's responsibilities to its GRSP Host Family are:

- Maintain contact with your GRSP Host Family (get their name and contact information to share with your GRSP Trustee and fellow co-sponsoring Rotary Club(s) Host Families).
- Ensure your GRSP Host Family writes your GRSP student a letter (a) introducing themselves and their family, (b) spelling out the expectations of the program, (c) telling them about your club, and (d) telling them something about their school. An example is provided in the "Host Family Handbook" on the web site at www.grsp.org.
- If your GRSP Host Family is the "lead" GRSP Host Family among a number of co-sponsoring clubs, they must work with the other Rotary Clubs GRSP

Host Families to: (a) Coordinate schedules between all GRSP Host Families and Rotary Clubs, (b) Maintain equity in scheduling between all Clubs, meeting Student's needs, and handling Host responsibilities, (c) Review items in the Rotary suitcase – share responsibility for obtaining, (d) Work-out agreed upon cost sharing for expenses (e.g., paying for rooms and meals for District Conference, etc.), (e) Establish effective communications network between GRSP Host Families and Rotary Clubs, and (f) Each Rotary Club communicates with the GRSP Student.

- Help your GRSP Host Family have a Rotary Suitcase for your GRSP Student that might include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Two sets of bed linens✓ Pillow and pillowcases✓ Bed spread, blanket and comforter✓ Two to three bath towel sets✓ Sleeping bag✓ Wastepaper can✓ Desk lamp✓ Small coffee/tea pot✓ Basic set of plates, glasses, silverware, knife, scissors, food storage container✓ Telephone and answering machine✓ Toaster oven✓ Small refrigerator✓ Study/arm rest pillow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> School year appointment calendar<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical extension cords<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock and iron<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag or basket<input type="checkbox"/> Wire or wood clothes hangers<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella<input type="checkbox"/> Curtains<input type="checkbox"/> Small television<input type="checkbox"/> Radio<input type="checkbox"/> Portable typewriter and computer<input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryer<input type="checkbox"/> Initial supply of hand, bath and laundry soap |
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Club's responsibilities to its GRSP Trustee are:

- Maintain contact with your GRSP Trustee (get name, telephone numbers and e-mail address).
- Ask for assistance when needed - your GRSP Trustee will be able to answer your questions and give help when needed.

Club's responsibilities to itself are:

- Become knowledgeable about the Georgia Rotary Student Program through a weekly program by your GRSP Trustee.
- Get to know your GRSP Student and your GRSP Host Family – profile both in your weekly bulletin.
- Encourage members to become GRSP Endowment Fund Sustaining Members (\$100.00 per year) and Will Watt Fellows.
- Above all, enjoy the Georgia Rotary Student Program experience!*

What is the Student's Responsibility?

We want our GRSP Students to have a very enjoyable experience during their time with us. However, there are central responsibilities which every GRSP Student must fulfill.

First, GRSP Students must provide for:

- round-trip transportation from their home country to Georgia and return,
- their own health insurance, and
- \$3,000.00 in spending money during their GRSP experience.

Second, GRSP Student's tax responsibilities are their own:

Scholarship recipients may be required to pay taxes on their scholarships to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Please advise your GRSP Student to visit the IRS website for more information (www.irs.gov).

Third, a GRSP Student must:

- attend the GRSP Fall Conclave (rotates among the three Districts each year) and the District Conference,
- reside in the college dormitory and attend classes (maintaining at least a "C" average in each class),
- coordinate activities and holidays with their GRSP Host Family, and
- present two (2) separate programs for each sponsoring Rotary Club (one at the beginning of the year and one at the end of the year).

Fourth, a GRSP Student must be law abiding:

Unfortunately, sometimes, the officers and directors of GRSP withdraw the GRSP scholarship of a student as a result of his/her being arrested for a violation of the laws for the State of Georgia for illegal drug and alcohol use. Students can be dismissed from college. They can be disinvited from participating in any future GRSP activities or events. They can be returned to their home country immediately – with GRSP notifying the Department of Homeland Security, the GRSP Host

Club, the sponsoring Rotary Club and the GRSP Student's parents. Please re-emphasize this to your GRSP Student.

Finally, a GRSP Student must always be responsible to their:

- Host Rotary Club(s),
- their GRSP Host Family(ies), and
- their GRSP Trustee.

The GRSP home office in Savannah has a file on each alumnus since the inception of the program in 1946. We also maintain a cross reference list of countries and club sponsors. The office assists the Alumni Organization and the GRSP Alumni Committee by forwarding any correspondence received from former students and encourages them to sign up with the Alumni web site. This information is invaluable as club members want to contact and keep in touch with former students or students want to contact former club members. It is the desire of GRSP that students return to their home countries after completing their year in Georgia to become active members in their communities and serve mankind through Rotary. We have many exciting stories about former students who have become very influential members of society and quite accomplished in the business world. It is GRSP's prayer that your GRSP Student becomes a satisfied and happy alumnus of the GRSP experience, and that your Rotary Club and Host Family will be proud, satisfied and happy as well with this unique experience!

How is GRSP Funded?

Funding of the Georgia Rotary Student Program is accomplished in four different ways:

1. Each Rotarian in Georgia pays as part of her/his annual dues \$7.00 to GRSP.
2. Rotary Clubs pay a portion of the costs for their sponsored GRSP Scholars.
3. Voluntary donations to the GRSP Endowment Fund generate interest which pays a part of the GRSP Scholar costs; and
4. Grants secured by the GRSP Endowment Fund Committee help strengthen the corpus of the GRSP Endowment Fund.

The GRSP annual budget is approximately \$1.2 million with 88% dedicated to student costs and 12% for the home office. The budget is supported with 57% of the total funds coming directly from club sponsorships, 30% from earnings from the GRSP Endowment Fund, 8% from the annual \$7.00 per Rotarian District dues, with the balance coming from miscellaneous sources.

All monies received by GRSP are placed into one of two accounts: The Operating Account or the Endowment Fund Account.

The **Operating Account** pays students' costs (tuition and fees, room and board, and a book stipend), plus the operating costs of GRSP home office. The Operating Account consists of only Rotary Club Scholar Sponsorships and Per Capita Dues.

The **Endowment Fund Account** supplements the annual costs for each sponsored student in an amount determined by the Trustees. The GRSP Endowment Fund Account is comprised only of voluntary donations and grants.

The **GRSP Endowment Fund** is overseen by an Investment Committee of GRSP Trustees. These Rotarians have the responsibility of providing a safe, conservative and predictable income each year to keep the cost of sponsoring a student from being prohibitive. The Fund is managed by a professional investment manager who is also a Rotarian and understands the program's needs and goals. An annual audit is prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant of all funds held by GRSP. Because of the need to provide a steady stream of income each year, the asset allocation in the Fund is established at 75% fixed income and 25% equities. Market conditions and interest rates affect the annual income.

In the late 1970s, there was great concern among GRSP Trustees about the expenses of this scholarship program in the face of rising college tuition and costs. What would the future hold? Would we be prepared to handle the demands financially?

Three visionary Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Marietta (Norm Shipley), Atlanta (Marshall Weaver) and Rome (Gordon Bonderrant) convinced the Trustees to establish a fund that would supplement the annual dues contributions of each Georgia Rotarian to GRSP. As a result, the GRSP Endowment Fund was established in 1979. Voluntary donations to this permanent fund are invested and only the earnings from those

investments are used each year in support of the program – no money is ever taken from the corpus. The goal is to grow the fund so that it will provide a substantial portion of the cost of the program.

As a result of the chairmen's leadership and support from the Trustees and Rotarians throughout Georgia, the GRSP Endowment Fund now stands in excess of \$10 million. It is important that we continue to grow the Endowment as the cost of scholarships is ever increasing. With additional income it will allow us to continue, or even increase, the total number of students each year by reducing the total scholarship cost to the sponsoring Rotary clubs.

In short, **the purpose of the GRSP Endowment Fund** is to help supplement scholarship funds provided by individual Rotary Clubs for our students. The goal of the GRSP Endowment Fund is to allow more students to participate in this cultural program at a reduced cost to Rotary Clubs. The governing rule for the GRSP Endowment Fund is that only earned income is spent on the annual program costs (the corpus is never touched).

GRSP Donation Recognition

Voluntary contributions to the GRSP Endowment Fund help sustain our program now and ensure it will be viable for many years to come. Donors who make voluntary contributions to the GRSP Endowment Fund are recognized as follows:

A cumulative contribution of \$100 or more will earn the donor the designation of “**SUSTAINING MEMBER**” of the Georgia Rotary Student Program and a sticker for their Rotary badge.



A cumulative contribution of \$500 or more earns the donor a “**GOVERNOR’S ASSOCIATE**” certificate.



A cumulative contribution of \$1,000 or more will earn the donor a **WILL WATT FELLOW** designation - honoring the founder of our Georgia Rotary Student Program. In recognition of GRSP, PDG Will Watt was presented with both the St. Olaf Medal by Norway King Hoakon VII, and the Knight First Class of the Finnish Lion by the Consul General on behalf of the President of Finland. PDG Will Watt was a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville in District 6900. The donor receives a plaque and gold colored GRSP lapel pin.

A cumulative contribution of \$2,500 or more will earn the donor a **HUE THOMAS FELLOW** designation - honoring our Past GRSP Chairman who guided GRSP through 35 years of growth from 1955 to 1989. In recognition of GRSP and PDG Hue Thomas, PDG Hue was presented with both the St. Olaf Medal by Norway King Hoakon VII, and scholarships by the Rotary Clubs of Norway and Germany for Georgia students to come study in their countries. PDG Hue was a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah in District 6920. The donor receives a plaque and a silver colored GRSP lapel pin.



A cumulative contribution of \$5,000 or more will earn the donor the **A. KENDALL WEISIGER FELLOW** designation – honoring the Atlanta Rotarian whose support of international students through the Rotary Education Foundation of Atlanta, Inc. was merged into GRSP in 1949. Past President A. Kendall Weisiger was a 47-year Rotarian and a member of the

Rotary Club of Atlanta in District 6900. The donor receives a plaque and a silver colored GRSP lapel pin with a blue stone.

A cumulative contribution of \$10,000 or more will earn the donor the **RONNIE WALLER FELLOW** designation – honoring Past GRSP Chair John R. “Ronnie” Waller who guided the GRSP Endowment Fund through a significant period of expansion from 1989 through 1996. Past GRSP Chair Ronnie has continued to champion and shepherd further growth of the GRSP Endowment Fund. Past GRSP Chair Ronnie hails from District 6910’s Rotary Club of Gainesville. The donor receives a plaque and silver colored GRSP lapel pin with red stone.



A cumulative contribution of \$100,000 or more will earn the donor a permanent **NAMED SCHOLARSHIP** in their name or the name of an individual designated by the donor. There are two named scholarships: **A. Kendall Weisiger Scholarship** (used for the GRSP student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Atlanta) and **Carlton McCamey Scholarship** (used for the GRSP student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dalton). Beyond contributing to the GRSP Endowment Fund, you may also become a **GRSP BENEFACTOR**. The GRSP Office can provide you with information and a codicil to assist. G.R.S.P. is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS Each Rotary Club has a Club Roster Contribution Record. This record lists each Rotarian who has ever been in your Rotary Club and shows how much money he/she has donated to the GRSP Endowment Fund and their current donor recognition level. The Club Roster Contribution Record also shows a category entitled “Club Account.” If a resigned Rotarian contributed \$1,000.00 or more, a record of their donation is automatically transferred into the “Past Member Account” to remain a part of the club’s giving history. If the Rotarian resigned and had less than \$1,000.00 in his/her account, and does not join another Rotary Club, those funds are automatically transferred into the “Club Account” and can be used with matching new money donated by another Rotarian in the club. This opportunity helps your Club’s Rotarians achieve their next level of donor recognition support and enhance the growing GRSP Endowment Fund.

Organizational Structure of GRSP

The Georgia Rotary Student Program is operated by Rotarians from Georgia's three Rotary Districts, and these Rotarians have various responsibilities and sit on many different committees in carrying out the business of the program. The backbone of the organization is the Trustee. The Trustee is a Georgia Rotarian who is a Past President and who has been nominated by the leadership of GRSP and appointed by the District Governor. From each Georgia Rotary District, the Trustees elect a District Chair and two Directors. Trustees as a whole elect the GRSP Officers consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of the four elected officers, the District Chairs and an appointed Parliamentarian. Additional Trustees are appointed by the Chair who bring certain talents and abilities to assist the leadership. These additional trustees are called Advisory Trustees. Past Trustees who have provided outstanding and exemplary leadership may be named Trustee Emeritus by the Executive Committee. The officers, directors and trustees receive no compensation for their service, and are not reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending the three scheduled meetings each year.

Two Administrators are the only paid GRSP employees. The Home Office receives and posts all monies received into both the GRSP Endowment Fund Account and the Operating Account; maintain endowment reports and generates all awards; bills clubs; pays all bills associated with students and operating expenses; maintains computer records on students, trustees and clubs; maintains contact with colleges and universities; plans and prints information for all three Trustee meetings each year; sends out GRSP Information around the world; processes 200 plus applications each year and sends out the book of summaries; processes all GRSP students into Georgia colleges and universities each fall; prepares monthly financial statements for operating and endowment budgets; sends out all correspondence to trustees, clubs, host families and students and receives all from the same. The Administrator attends three Trustee meetings a year and all three District Conferences. The GRSP Home Office mailing address is Post Office Box 61327, Savannah, GA 31420. Office telephone is (912) 961-1331 or (800) 732-4167. E-mail is grsp@grsp.org Web site is www.grsp.org

What does a Trustee Do?

What is a GRSP Trustee?

A GRSP Trustee is first and foremost a fellow Rotarian who is a Past Club President and one who must at all times represent the ideals of Rotary as well as those of the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Each District Governor appoints eligible Rotarians to serve as a GRSP Trustee for a three-year period based upon recommendations from GRSP. GRSP Trustees may serve for a maximum of six years in their position. A completely voluntary position, no GRSP Trustee receives compensation for the time spent performing his or her responsibilities or any reimbursement of expenses.

The GRSP Trustee is the primary representative of Georgia Rotary Student Program to individual Rotarians and the assigned Rotary Clubs located in the GRSP Trustee's immediate geographical vicinity. The GRSP Trustee serves as the liaison between the Rotary Club and the GRSP Home Office and is a vital link who keeps GRSP running smoothly.

GRSP Trustees are ultimately responsible for knowing their students, their Host Families, their Rotary Club Presidents and above all else, ensuring that the GRSP students are being cared for in an acceptable manner.

What is a GRSP Trustee's Responsibilities to the GRSP?

The GRSP Trustee is responsible for representing GRSP to her/his assigned Rotary Clubs as well as representing those Rotary Clubs' wishes to GRSP.

The GRSP Trustee must attend three meetings throughout the year (missing two or more meetings will cause GRSP to consider the GRSP Trustee as having resigned from the position). The three meetings are: Student Selection in January in Savannah, Summer Board Business meeting in July, and the Student Conclave in August.

It is also the GRSP Trustee's responsibility to promote GRSP at the Club level and encourage the Clubs to support the GRSP Endowment Fund.

The GRSP Trustee is responsible for ensuring that the GRSP Home Office has current contact information for Rotary Club Presidents, GRSP Host Families and the GRSP Students. Additionally, the GRSP Trustee keeps their District GRSP Chair and the GRSP Home Office in Savannah apprised of contacts with Rotary Clubs and GRSP Students.

The GRSP Trustee also mentors new GRSP Trustees.

What is a GRSP Trustee's Responsibilities to their assigned Rotary Clubs?

GRSP Trustees visit their assigned Rotary Clubs at least once each quarter and serves as a GRSP resource.

The GRSP Trustee encourages support of the Georgia Rotary Student Program by presenting general knowledge programs and GRSP Endowment Fund programs to their assigned Rotary Clubs.

GRSP Trustees play a major role in the student selection process by assisting the clubs in their selection of students and in working with the individual clubs in making sure their commitment forms are submitted to the home office by the deadline.

A GRSP Trustee coordinates activities between students and sponsoring clubs.

What is a GRSP Trustee's Responsibilities to their GRSP Student?

GRSP Trustee maintains contact with students and host families at least once per month, and he/she monitors club- student relationships. The GRSP Trustee's primary responsibility is to ensure that the GRSP Student is cared for in an adequate manner.

What Scholarships are Available for Georgia Students?

GERMAN SCHOLARSHIP:

Periodically, a one-year academic scholarship is offered to graduate students who are fluent in German. Interested students must fill in the application in both English and German. Applicants must take a German language proficiency exam. Applications are sent to Germany where they select the students. Information about this opportunity can be found on the GRSP web site when it is being offered. Please visit www.grsp.org

OSLO SCHOLARSHIP:

The Norwegian Rotary Advisory Board invites three Georgia students to study in Norway from late June until early August each summer at the University of Oslo. Clubs are asked to nominate a candidate for this award. The final selection will be made by a committee of Trustees in each of Georgia's three Districts.

Scholarship information: Visit the Oslo Summer School Website, www.uio.no/iss, for details. **DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH THAT WEBSITE. APPLY THROUGH GRSP.** AND IF YOUR CANDIDATE IS SELECTED BY GRSP, HE/SHE WILL THEN APPLY TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

- (a) Dates: Late June – early August at the University of Oslo.
- (b) English is the language of the Summer School.
- (c) REQUIREMENTS:
 1. Ages 20-24 – Singles only
 2. Must have completed college sophomore year
 3. Three color photographs passport size – taken within last six months
 4. Seriousness of purpose
 5. Personal qualities likely to make a good representative of our country abroad
 6. Excellent health

The program includes air fare from Atlanta to Oslo and return to Atlanta, a field tour to Bergen (administered by the University of Oslo), room, board and tuition at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo and visiting for one week with Norwegian Rotary host families. The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from Atlanta, plus provide their own personal spending money.

GENERAL COURSES: Norwegian Art, Norwegian Language, History, Folklore and Literature of Norway and Scandinavia, Economics, Politics, Culture and Society, International Relations and Development Studies.

GRADUATE COURSES: Educational System of Norway, Physical Education in Norway, Medical Care and Health Services in Norway, Peace Research, Energy Planning and the Environment, Special Education, Kulturlivet i samtiden Norge, Norwegian Petroleum Law and Transboundary Pollution.

The University of Oslo will issue a Certificate of Achievement to all who satisfactorily complete the Summer School courses. Credits may also be certified.

PURPOSE: While the immediate goal of this International School is to impart knowledge about some aspects of Norway, it also seeks to increase understanding and good will among nations through daily living together.

HOUSING: Lecture and Seminar activities and housing will be at the University located at Blindern, ten minutes by electric car from the center of Oslo. Men and women students will be housed at the Blindern Dormitories. Meals will be provided at the University Center Cafeteria.

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM ON OR BEFORE December 15 to: Georgia Rotary

Student Program, PO Box 61327, Savannah, Georgia 31420.

WALES SCHOLARSHIP:

Periodically, a three-week cultural scholarship is offered to two Georgia students between the ages of 18 and 21 years of age. Students are able to learn of the culture and geography of North Wales. Selected students must pay for their round-trip airfare and travel insurance and have enough money for personal use. The North Wales' Rotary Clubs will pay the cost of meals and accommodations – including two weeks on campus at Glyndwr University, Wrexham and at the homes of Rotarians. Information about this opportunity can be found on the GRSP web site when it is being offered. Please visit www.grsp.org