

Participating in Your Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Through Rotary Foundation participation and support, you and your club can make a difference in the lives of people around the globe. Participation in Rotary Foundation activities can help attract and keep members. When Rotarians experience Foundation programs directly, they can be inspired to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. Foundation programs are supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Your key resources about your Rotary International Foundation are: [The Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide](#) (219-EN), [Rotary Foundation Facts](#) (159-EN), the [Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Booklet](#) (958-EN), the [Club Rotary Foundation Committee Manual](#) (226-EN), and Rotary Club Central.

Among your responsibilities:

Appointing and meeting with your club's Rotary Foundation committee

- Create a qualifying project and apply for a Rotary Foundation District Grant (if your club is eligible) before July 1
- Reviewing your club's current involvement with Foundation programs, using Rotary Club Central
- Reviewing your club's financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation, using My Rotary. Club Presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and Rotary Foundation committee chairs can review their club's Foundation contributions in My Rotary at www.rotary.org
- Setting your club's financial contribution and program participation goals for your year, using Rotary Club Central
- Knowing the resources available to help your club support your Rotary International Foundation
- If you receive a District Grant, ensure that reports on open grants are submitted on time, and that all completed grants are closed

Your leadership will be particularly important to ensuring your club makes steady progress toward Foundation goals. Strategies for encouraging club members include:

- Leading by example and making a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation
- Asking club members to contribute to the Foundation, giving extra attention to members who have never given via one on one meetings
- Acknowledging contributions and involvement in Foundation grants
- Ensuring proper stewardship of Foundation grant funds and club contributions
- Encouraging club members to get involved in The Rotary Foundation's grants by planning projects and activities that are eligible for district and global grants

Your Club's Rotary Foundation Committee

One of the most important club committees is The Rotary Foundation Committee. Your club's Rotary Foundation committee's main role is to develop and carry out plans to support the Foundation through financial contributions and club participation in Foundation grants and activities.

The club's Rotary Foundation Committee structure should be determined by the Foundation goals your club sets. For example, if your plans include applying for a global grant, your club may want to have a grants subcommittee. When appointing your Rotary Foundation committee, choose Rotarians with excellent communication skills, international experience, and community or international volunteer experience. Former grant participants are also good candidates.

District Support

Members of your district Rotary Foundation Committee can provide great information and guidance about The Rotary Foundation and put your club in contact with other Rotary clubs working on similar projects. Consult your district chair with questions about the Foundation.

District Rotary Foundation Seminar

The purpose of the district Rotary Foundation Seminar is to reach every Rotarian with The Rotary Foundation's message of achieving world understanding and peace. Club Presidents, club Foundation committee members, and other interested Rotarians are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Foundation.

Grant Management Seminar

The purpose of the Grant Management Seminar is to help club members understand how to successfully manage a Rotary Foundation grant, to make them aware of Foundation stewardship expectations, and to prepare them to implement the club memorandum of understanding. A club member, preferably the President-Elect and/or incoming club foundation chair, is required to attend this seminar for club qualification.