

## **GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION DEL MAR SOLANA BEACH ROTARY CLUB**

**Scholarship Applicant:** Taylor Bratton

**Project Title:** CITES Listings of Sea Cucumbers: Impacts on Fisheries Management, Livelihoods, and Trade in the Western Indian Ocean

To Whom It May Concern,

The Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary Club is pleased to formally nominate **Taylor Bratton** for the prestigious Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. This scholarship will provide Taylor the necessary financial support to pursue her PhD research at Southern Cross University's National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour, Australia, beginning in 2025. Taylor's research aligns closely with Rotary's global focus on Community Economic Development.

A Rotary Global Grant Scholarship is a prestigious award offered by Rotary International to support graduate-level studies that align with Rotary's key areas of focus. It provides comprehensive funding for tuition, travel, and living expenses, while leveraging additional support through matching funds from Rotary clubs or districts. This scholarship fosters international collaboration and aims to create lasting positive impacts in communities by empowering scholars to address significant global challenges through their academic and professional endeavors.

For Taylor's nomination to be formally accepted by the Rotary Foundation, she must first provide a letter of acceptance, or conditional acceptance, into her program of study at Southern Cross University.

### **Scholarship Funding Details:**

The Rotary Global Grant Scholarship involves the following funding process:

- 1. Fundraising:** Taylor has secured pledges totaling \$10,000 USD, meeting the minimum requirement for matching through the Rotary Foundation.
- 2. District Matching:** The Rotary District will provide a 2:1 match, bringing the total to \$30,000 USD.
- 3. Rotary Foundation Matching:** The Rotary Foundation will then provide an 80% match on the district funds, adding an additional \$24,000 USD, bringing the total scholarship funding to **\$54,000 USD** (approximately **80,000 AUD**).

### Scholarship Process:

- **Nomination and Approval:** The Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary Board has officially approved Taylor's nomination and will support her through the next steps of the Global Grant application process.
- **Submission to Rotary International:** After formalizing the pledges and completing the application, Taylor's nomination will be submitted to the Rotary International Foundation for final approval.
- **Funding Disbursement:** Once approved, the scholarship funds will be allocated for Taylor's tuition, research, and living expenses throughout the duration of her PhD program. This process normally takes 3-4 months.

The Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary Club is proud to support Taylor Bratton's academic and professional development through this Global Grant Scholarship. We believe her research will make a significant contribution to the economic sustainability of small-scale fishing communities, while exemplifying Rotary's commitment to community empowerment.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Signed,

*Arturo Mendoza*

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President, Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary Club  
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