



**MINE-EX – gemeinnütziger Verein rotarischer Freundinnen und Freunde e.V.**  
**Charitable association of Rotarian friends**  
RI Multidistrict Service Group, Districts 1800 to 1900, 1930 to 1950

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## Zinsmeister Sponsorship for the Vocational Training of Landmine Victims (As of 01 February 2011)

### **Purpose of the sponsorship**

MINE-EX – Germany (charitable association of Rotarian friends) uses the Zinsmeister Sponsorship scheme to support the vocational training of people with a disability caused by antipersonnel mines, unexploded bombs or other explosive devices from wars or civil wars.

The purpose of the sponsorship is to give these disabled people a chance of reintegration into society, i.e. to give them an opportunity to live an independent life with dignity. The object is to help them acquire vocational skills or similar that put them in a position to earn their own livelihood and support their families as fully integrated members of society. The sponsorship is in memory of Rotarian Wilhelm Zinsmeister (RC Stuttgart), the initiator and promoter of MINE-EX, who died in 2006.

### **Type of sponsorship**

- Funding of expenses of vocational education and training or similar skills in the home country of the person sponsored. As a rule academic studies will not be sponsored.
- Sponsorship is for a period of one year in each case.
- The maxim grant will be US\$ 3000, with the amount to be decided in each individual case.
- The sponsorship money will be used to pay for educational and training materials, school and training fees, the normal ancillary costs of training in the home country (e.g. skills testing, language tests, health certificates, health and accident insurance etc.) and the cost of living.
- The sponsored training should be geared toward the disability of the candidate.
- The sponsored training should qualify the recipient for work which will allow him or her to earn their own livelihood and support their family as appropriate.
- The skills to be acquired through the one-year training should at least match the recognized or accepted standards of the recipient's home country.

## Conditions of sponsorship

- The candidate should be proposed or supported by a Rotary Club, the International Committee of the Red Cross, a Mine Action Center, a church or religious community or a similar neutral institution pursuing humanitarian objectives. Through its proposal the proposing institution declares its readiness to take on responsibility for proper completion of the sponsored training, to support the candidate during the period of sponsorship and to send quarterly reports to MINE-EX Germany.
- The candidate must be disabled due to injuries caused by an antipersonnel mine, unexploded bomb or similar explosive device used in armed conflicts.
- The candidate must be a member of the civilian population and have suffered the injuries that led to the disability as a civilian. Exceptions to this condition may be made for example for child soldiers or similar cases within strict limits.
- The age of the candidate must be such that work for remuneration is possible and worthwhile.

## How to apply

- Candidates for sponsorship may be proposed at any time, but proposals must be submitted at least three months before the suggested training measure is due to begin.
- The proposal must be accompanied by:
  - the candidate's consent to the proposed training;
  - the candidate's CV including address and, if available, copies of references, official documentation etc.;
  - a photo of the candidate showing the disability;
  - a description of the proposed training (type, purpose, procedure, duration, location or training facility etc.) and a statement about potential earnings on completion of training;
  - a cost schedule for the whole one-year sponsorship;
  - a declaration from the institution that it will support the candidate during the period of the sponsorship and will take responsibility for the proper completion of the planned training, including the quarterly reports to MINE-EX Germany.
- Applications should be sent to:

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