



## ROTARY'S SERVICE AWARDS

Rotary celebrates people of action who are committed to service and whose lives mirror Rotary's values. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation offer several opportunities to recognize members and other participants for their devotion to service and their commitment to creating lasting change in their communities and around the world. Learn more about awards that recognize:

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### AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE MEMBERS

#### SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

The Service Above Self Award is considered the highest honor that RI can bestow on a member. It recognizes up to 150 outstanding Rotarians and Rotaractors each year whose service activities make an impact on humanity. No more than one recipient is selected from a given district each year, and a person can receive the award only once.



**Nomination process:** Current governors and RI directors can nominate one candidate from their district using this [online nomination form](#). RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs may also nominate one member per year from the group of non-districted clubs they serve. All eligible nominations will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the RI Membership Committee for recommendation to the RI Board for selection.

**Nomination period:** 1-31 October

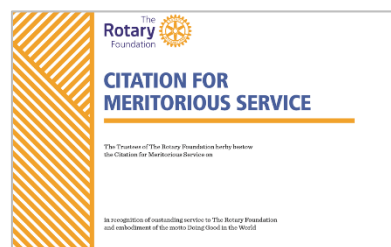
**Eligibility criteria:** Nominees must be Rotarians or Rotaractors in good standing, and may not be current, incoming, or immediate past governors, RI directors, RI presidents, or Rotary Foundation trustees. Nominees must have demonstrated exemplary continuing humanitarian service, in any form and at any level. Emphasis is placed on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary, rather than one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award.

**Award type:** Engraved crystal and lapel pin

## ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service honors one Rotarian or Rotaractor per district who has been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation.

**Nomination process:** District Rotary Foundation committee chairs can nominate one candidate from their district by completing this [online nomination form](#). Nominations must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district, and governors can endorse only one nomination from their district per year. The general secretary reviews nominations to confirm that they have the required signatures and endorsements and that nominees haven't already received the award. Upon confirmation, RI sends electronic certificates to nominators for presentation to the recipients.



**Nomination period:** November-December

**Eligibility criteria:** Nominees must be active Rotarians or Rotaractors in good standing, and may not be current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, RI directors, or Rotary Foundation trustees. You cannot nominate yourself for the award, and a person can receive this award only once. Service to The Rotary Foundation must have been for more than one year. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award.

Examples of eligible service include, but are not limited to:

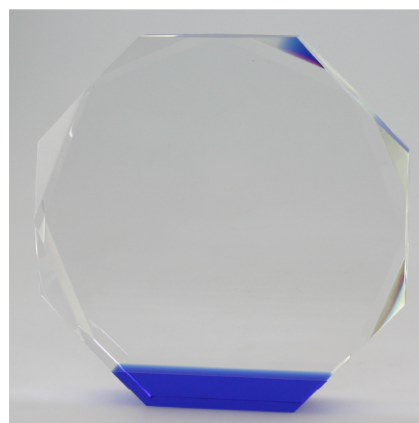
- Service on Foundation committees at the club, district, or international level
- Participation in Foundation grants or programs
- Support of Rotary Peace Fellows

**Award type:** Electronic certificate

## ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award honors up to 50 Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and who have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years earlier.

**Nomination process:** Nominations can be made by any Rotarian or Rotaractor and must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district. The nominee must also be endorsed by a Rotarian or Rotaractor outside the nominee's district. District governors can endorse only one nomination for their district. Current and incoming trustees are not eligible to nominate or endorse candidates for this award. Nominations can be made by completing the [online nomination form](#) and including detailed information about the specific Foundation activities and responsibilities of the nominee since they



received the Citation for Meritorious Service. Eligible nominations are reviewed and recommended by the TRF Awards Review Committee and recipients are approved by the full Board of Trustees.

**Nomination period:** 1 January to 28 or 29 February

**Eligibility criteria:** Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four full calendar years earlier may be nominated except for current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, RI directors, or Rotary Foundation trustees. You can't nominate yourself for the award, and a person can receive the award only once. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award.

The nominee's eligible service must be on a broad basis, over an extended period of time, including at least six of the following activities, with a substantial level of activity in the past two years:

- Serving on a district Rotary Foundation committee for a total of at least five years
- Providing significant leadership at district or multidistrict Foundation training events
- Presenting about The Rotary Foundation at district or regional events
- Presenting about The Rotary Foundation at more than 20 club meetings within a two-year period
- Serving as a scholar counselor or host at least three times
- Organizing and carrying out successful fundraising efforts at the district or multidistrict level
- Providing significant leadership in district or multidistrict scholar or vocational training team orientation
- Serving as the designated project contact person on a successful grant project for which a final report has been received
- Providing substantial leadership in PolioPlus projects and activities
- Maintaining contact with alumni and involving them in district activities
- Other special projects or activities, which the nominator clearly defines and describes in detail, in support of The Rotary Foundation

**Award type:** Engraved crystal and lapel pin

## ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs, promoting the Rotary Foundation and its goals of world understanding and peace.

**Nomination process:** Members are nominated by their clubs to the district Rotary Foundation committee, which forwards these nominations to the district governor. Governors can approve nominees and award one or more members with [this certificate](#) at the district conference. The selection is made by the district governor with the input of the district Rotary Foundation committee.



**Nomination period:** All year, but ideally before district conference

**Eligibility criteria:** Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who has demonstrated laudable service in promoting The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace and who is recommended to the district Rotary Foundation committee and selected by the governor. The requisite service does not depend on, but does not preclude, any financial support for The Rotary Foundation.

**Award type:** Electronic certificate

### AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (DISTRICT-LEVEL)

The Avenues of Service Award recognizes the efforts of individual Rotarians and Rotaractors in each of Rotary's five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service.



**Nomination process:** Current club presidents can nominate a member for one or more Avenues of Service Awards by completing this [online nomination form](#). See these [examples of eligible service activities](#). The governor is notified of the nomination and will determine if the achievement is worthy of recognition by certificate. The governor then presents the certificate to the recipient.

**Nomination period:** All year

**Eligibility criteria:** Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing except current club presidents; incoming, current, or immediate past governors; general secretaries, RI directors, RI presidents, Foundation Trustees, and RIBI presidents, vice presidents, or honorary treasurers. A person can receive this award only once.

**Award type:** Electronic certificate

### AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (RI-LEVEL)

The Avenues of Service Award recognizes individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have received recognition in all five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service.



**Nomination process:** A governor can nominate a Rotarian or Rotaractor who has achieved recognition in all five Avenues of Service for recognition by RI by submitting this [online nomination form](#). When the nomination is received, RI will review candidates for eligibility, and send the Avenues of Service engraved crystal and pin for presentation to the Rotarian.

**Award type:** Engraved crystal and lapel pin



## SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

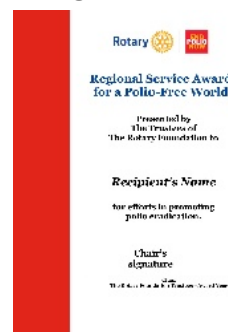
The Service Award for a Polio-Free World honors Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts. Individuals can be nominated for regional or international service.

**Nomination process:** Any Rotarian can nominate a member by submitting [this online nomination form](#). The general secretary reviews nominations to confirm that nominees haven't already received the award. The International PolioPlus Committee then reviews candidates for eligibility and upon confirmation, forwards their names to The Rotary Foundation trustee chair for approval of regional awards, and to The Rotary Foundation trustees for approval of international awards.

**Nomination period:** Annually, 15 July to 1 October

**Eligibility criteria:** Any Rotarian is eligible except current and incoming trustees of the Foundation, current and incoming directors of Rotary International, members of the International PolioPlus Committee, and current and incoming district governors; any Rotarian who has previously received either the regional or international award is ineligible for the regional award. Find [more information on criteria and guidelines](#) for the Service Award for a Polio-Free World

**Award type:** For regional awards, printable certificates suitable for framing are sent via email to the relevant district governor to present to the recipient. For international awards, bronze plaques are sent to the relevant Rotary International director to present to the recipient.



## AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE NONMEMBERS

### ROTARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity recognizes up to 150 non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in accord with Rotary's ideals.

**Nomination process:** The district governor nominates one eligible candidate from their district by completing the [online nomination form](#). RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs can also each submit one nomination per year. Eligible nominations are reviewed by a subcommittee of the RI Membership Committee for recommendation to the RI Board for selection.

**Nomination period:** 1-31 March



**Eligibility criteria:** Only nonmembers, including the spouse or partner of an active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing, may be nominated for this award. A person can receive the award only once. Candidates will be considered based solely on the humanitarian service they have demonstrated through Rotary, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award.



**Award type:** Engraved crystal and lapel pin

## AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE ALUMNI

### ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

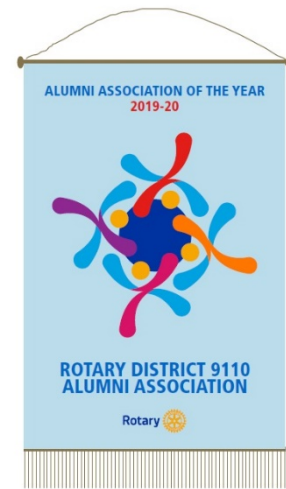
This award recognizes one [Rotary Alumni Association](#) each year that has demonstrated the significant impact of Rotary programs.

**Nomination process:** Any member of the Rotary community (Rotary member, non-Rotarian alumnus, etc.) can nominate a candidate through the [online nomination form](#). Eligible nominations are reviewed by the RI Membership and TRF Awards Review committees for recommendation to the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees for selection.

**Nomination period:** 1 July-15 September

**Eligibility criteria:** To be nominated, alumni associations must be formally chartered by Rotary International. They should enhance the awareness of the value of alumni within Rotary, involve a majority of their members in a project or activity over the past year, have an online presence, demonstrate collaboration between Rotarians and alumni, and support the Object of Rotary and Service Above Self.

**Award type:** Banner (with presidential theme and year)



### ROTARY ALUMNI GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recognizes one outstanding Rotary alumnus or alumna each year whose career, activities, and service to humanity illustrate the impact of Rotary's programs.

**Nomination process:** Any member of the Rotary community (Rotary member, non-Rotarian alumnus, etc.) can nominate a candidate through the [online nomination form](#). Eligible nominations are reviewed by the subcommittee of the RI Membership and TRF Awards Review committees for recommendation to the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees for selection.

**Nomination period:** 1 July-15 September

**Eligibility criteria:** All Rotary alumni are eligible except for current or past RI directors or trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Nominees must have achieved



distinction in their profession or vocation, performed sustainable service benefiting the international community, and demonstrated the social benefits of Rotary's programs.

**Award type:** Engraved crystal

## AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE A CLUB

### ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

The Rotary Citation for Rotary clubs is the most important award for Rotary clubs. It recognizes clubs that pursue activities that support organizational priorities. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited. A newly chartered club is not precluded from earning this award.



**Nomination process:** A club president selects more than 50% of the recommended [goals](#) in Rotary Club Central, achieves them during the year, and reports the achievement in Rotary Club Central.

**Nomination period:** Club leaders set and achieve goals during their Rotary year. The achievement of the goals must be reported in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.

**Eligibility criteria:** Clubs must be in good financial standing, meaning they must pay both dues invoices on time. Club must also show they have achieved at least 50% of the goals in Rotary Club Central. Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if their achievement isn't reported by 30 June.

**Award type:** Electronic certificate

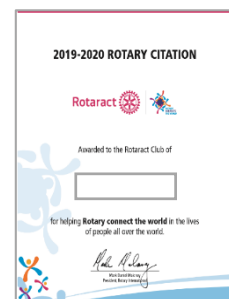
### ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARACT CLUBS

The Rotary Citation for Rotaract clubs recognizes clubs that achieve a set number of goals during a Rotary year. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited.

**Nomination process:** A club president selects more than 50% of the [goals](#), achieves them during the year, and reports the achievement by completing this [online nomination form](#). The Rotary sponsor club president can also submit the form.

**Nomination period:** Club leaders set and achieve goals during their Rotary year. The nomination form must be completed and submitted by 15 August to be recognized for the Rotary year that ended 30 June.

**Eligibility criteria:** Clubs must achieve more than 50% of the goals and submit the online application. Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if the nomination form isn't submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June.



**Award type:** Electronic certificate

## ROTARY CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

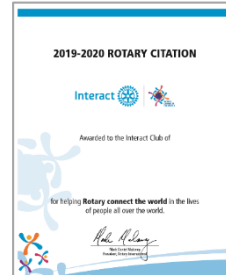
The Rotary Citation for Interact clubs recognizes clubs that achieve a set number of [goals](#) during a Rotary year. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited.

**Nomination process:** The Rotary sponsor club president completes this [online nomination form](#) showing the club's achievements.

**Nomination period:** The nomination form must be completed and submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June.

**Eligibility criteria:** Clubs must achieve more than 50% of the goals and submit the online application. Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if the nomination form isn't submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June.

**Award type:** Electronic certificate



## SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes Rotary and Rotaract clubs for projects that made an impact and gives district recognition to club activities that address a significant problem or need.

**Nomination process:** Club presidents can use the [online nomination form to send a project description](#) to the district governor for any project carried out during their year of service. The governor is notified of the nomination and will determine if the achievement is worthy of recognition by certificate. The governor then presents the certificate.

**Eligibility criteria:** Rotary and Rotaract clubs that have completed projects that made an impact are eligible for recognition.

**Award type:** Electronic certificate

