

# AWARDS

Members of the Rotary community help make clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Thank them for their dedication and valuable contributions by recognizing them with one of these Rotary International or non-contribution-based Rotary Foundation awards.

- Recognize a club
- Recognize individuals
- Recognize non-Rotarians

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## RECOGNIZE A CLUB

### ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

The most important award for Rotary clubs.

**Who can report goal achievement:** club officers

**Nomination deadline:** 30 June

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- [Citation Goals and Instructions for Rotary Clubs](#) (PDF)
- Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

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### ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARACT CLUBS

The most important award for Rotaract clubs.

**Who can nominate:** Rotaract club presidents and advisers

**Nomination deadline:** 15 August

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- [Citation Goals and Instructions for Rotaract Clubs](#) (PDF)
  - [Rotary Citation for Rotaract Club Nomination form](#)
  - Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)
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## ROTARY CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

The most important award for Interact clubs.

**Who can nominate:** Interact club advisors, sponsor Rotary club presidents

**Nomination deadline:** 15 August

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- [Citation Goals and Instructions for Interact Clubs](#) (PDF)
  - [Rotary Citation for Interact Club Nomination form](#)
  - Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)
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## SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARD

Recognize a club whose project has addressed a significant need in your community.

**Who can nominate:** club president

**Nomination period:** all year

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
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## WORLD INTERACT WEEK RECOGNITION

Recognizes Interact clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Interact Week, which occurs each year during the week of 5 November (from Monday to Sunday).

**Who can nominate:** sponsoring Rotary clubs or district Interact chairs

**Nomination period:** all year

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- Customizable [certificate](#) (PDF)
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## WORLD ROTARACT WEEK RECOGNITION

Recognizes Rotaract clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Rotaract Week, which occurs each year during the week of 13 March (from Monday to Sunday).

**Who can nominate:** sponsoring Rotary clubs or district Rotaract chairs

**Nomination period:** all year

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- Customizable [certificate](#) (PDF)
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## INTERACT VIDEO AWARDS

Recognizes outstanding videos created by Interactors.

**Who can nominate:** Interactors or sponsor Rotary club members

**Nomination period:** 1 October-1 December

**Award type:** plaque or certificate

**Resources:**

- [Interact Facebook page](#)
  - [Interact YouTube channel](#)
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## RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS

### MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY

Rotary recognizes those members who have expanded Rotary's reach by sponsoring 25 or more new members. [Visit the Membership Society Virtual Gallery.](#)

**Who is eligible:** All Rotarians

**Award type:** Virtual Gallery

**Resources:**

- [Membership Society Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [How to add a member](#)
- [How to manage club members](#)

For questions, email [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org)

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## AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (DISTRICT RECOGNITION)

With an award from their district, clubs can honor a Rotarian or Rotaractor who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.

**Who can nominate:** club presidents

**Nomination period:** all year

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#) for club presidents
  - [Examples of eligible service activities](#) (PDF)
  - [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)
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## AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (RI RECOGNITION)

Districts can nominate a member who has performed service in all five Avenues of Service for an award from Rotary International. Nominations are reviewed three times a year in October, April and July. District Governors may nominate 10 eligible recipients per review period. (30 total annually).

**Who can nominate:** District Governors

**Nomination period:** all year

**Award type:** pin and crystal award

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
  - [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)
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## ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who have been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation.

**Who can nominate:** District Rotary Foundation chair (with endorsement by the governor)

**Nomination period:** November-December

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
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## ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Honors individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior.

**Who can nominate:** Any Rotarian or Rotaractor

**Nomination period:** 1 January-28/29 February

**Award type:** pin and crystal award

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
  - [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)
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## ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

Honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs.

**Who can nominate:** District Governors who receive recommendations from their district foundation committee

**Nomination period:** all year (ideally before district conference)

**Award type:** electronic certificate

**Resources:**

- [Rotary Foundation District Service Award template](#) (PDF)
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## SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Prestigious award for Rotarians and Rotaractors who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents.

**Who can nominate:** District Governors

**Nomination period:** 1-31 October

**Award type:** pin and crystal award

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
  - [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)
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## 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.

**Who can nominate:** Rotarians

**Nomination period:** Annually: July-1 October

**Nomination deadline:** 1 October

**Award type:** framed certificate, plaque

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
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## SYLVIA WHITLOCK LEADERSHIP AWARD

Honors one member annually who is actively working to advance women in Rotary.

**Who can nominate:** Any Rotary member

**Nomination period:** 1 August-30 September

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
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## RECOGNIZE NON-ROTARIANS

### ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizes one outstanding alumni association each year for raising awareness of our alumni's impact on our organization.

**Who can nominate:** Any member of the Rotary community

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

**Award type:** banner, recognition at Rotary convention

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
  - [Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award past recipients](#) (PDF)
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### ROTARY ALUMNI GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD

Honors one outstanding Rotary alumnus each year for their humanitarian service and professional achievements.

**Who can nominate:** Any member of the Rotary community

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

**Award type:** crystal award, recognition at the Rotary convention

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
  - [Rotary Alumni Global Service Award past recipients](#) (PDF)
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### ROTARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY

Recognizes non-Rotarians, including partners and spouses of Rotarians, who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary.

**Who can nominate:** District Governor

**Nomination period:** 1-31 March

**Award type:** pin and crystal award

**Resources:**

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

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