



## **Rotary Club of Orlando Honorary Membership Policy and Procedures**

- I. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to detail how a person can become an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Orlando.
- II. Eligibility for Honorary Membership:
  - A. The Constitution of the Rotary Club of Orlando states:
    - (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership. Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, and those persons considered friends of Rotary for the permanent support of Rotary's cause, may be elected to honorary membership in this Club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the Board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.*
  - B. Specific Eligibility Criteria: In general, honorary membership is used to recognize a person who would otherwise qualify for regular membership but for good and valid reasons is not able to sustain a regular membership in the Rotary Club of Orlando. Thus, a candidate for honorary membership should:
    1. Live and/or work in the geographic area defined by this club's charter
    2. Provide visible evidence of a commitment and adherence to the 4 way test in his/her personal and professional life
    3. Provide visible evidence of a commitment to the ideals and object of Rotary
    4. Provide visible evidence of meritorious service above self to community, profession and/or world.
    5. Be distinguished in some way that merits recognition as an honorary member of this club
    6. Have declined an invitation to become or remain a regular member of this club for good and valid reasons.
    7. If approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors, be willing to attend a regular meeting of the club to be recognized as an Honorary Member

### III. Process

- a. All nominations must be submitted by a regular member of the Rotary Club of Orlando on the attached form either in hard copy or electronically with all the requested information to the club's Administrative Assistant (incomplete applications will be returned to member submitting for completion).
- b. Nominations with all supporting information for Honorary Membership will be forwarded as soon as practical by the administrative assistant to the club's membership committee with notification to the President. Nominations will be kept confidential.
- c. The membership committee will: 1. evaluate the merits of the person being nominated for honorary membership; 2. determine if there are available openings for honorary members (honorary members can comprise no more than 10% of the club's regular membership and no more than five (5) honorary members can be awarded in any one Rotary year); 3. specify a time duration for the member (Generally, this will be for one (1) to five (5) years but will be automatically reviewed for renewal recommendation by the membership committee prior to the expiration of the time. In some cases, such as for public officials, the membership committee may recommend a time limit determined by a term of office); 4. make a recommendation by majority vote; and 5. forward its recommendation to the Administrative Assistant for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.
- d. The Board of Directors will review the membership committee's decision and decide by majority vote to approve or not. Only positive approvals will be published after a decision by the Board of Directors. Negative decisions will be communicated in a timely way by the President to the nominator.
- e. The approved candidate will be scheduled to attend a meeting at which he/she will be recognized by the club and presented with an appropriate symbol of Honorary Membership status. In addition, the club will create a pledge allowing the honorary member to affirm his/her commitment to the ideals of Rotary as part of the recognition. The Public Relations committee will be informed in order to disseminate a press release announcing this person's recognition.

### III. Benefits of Honorary Membership:

1. Honorary members are included in all member email distributions unless they opt out.
2. Honorary members are cordially invited to be part of any and all Rotary Club of Orlando meetings, functions, and projects.
3. Honorary members will receive a subscription to the Rotarian Magazine for which the club will pay (currently \$15.00 annually).
4. Honorary members cannot vote, hold office, or otherwise participate in the governance of the club

5. Honorary members pay no dues and do not have the attendance requirements of a regular member

V. Termination of honorary membership. Honorary membership may be revoked by vote of the Board based on presentation of sufficient evidence that the member no longer meets the selection criteria. Honorary members may resign their membership at any time upon written notification to the Board



## Rotary Club of Orlando Honorary Membership Nomination Form

(To be completed by nominator)

Please use this form to nominate a person for Honorary Membership in the Rotary Club of Orlando.

### I. Eligibility for Honorary Membership:

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b) *Specific Eligibility Criteria: In general, honorary membership is used to recognize a person who would otherwise qualify for regular membership but for good and valid reasons is not able to sustain a regular membership. Thus, a candidate for honorary membership should:*

1. Live and/or work in the geographic area defined by this club's charter
2. Provide visible evidence of a commitment to and adherence of the 4 way test in their personal and professional lives
3. Provide visible evidence of a commitment to the ideal and object of Rotary
4. Provide visible evidence of service above self to community, profession or world.
5. Be distinguished in some way to merit recognition as an honorary member of this club
6. Has declined an invitation to become or remain a regular member of this club for good and valid reasons.

### II. Please provide the following information;

1. Name of Rotary Club of Orlando member submitting this nomination:

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2. Name of person being nominated for honorary membership:

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3. Contact information of person being nominated (address, phone, email):

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4. Does this person live and/or work in the geographic area served by the Rotary Club of Orlando? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_no

5. Is this person an honorary member of any other Rotary Club? If yes, which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Has person being nominated ever been a member of this club or any other Rotary Club (please list any clubs and when nominee was a member of this club) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has person being nominated been asked to join or remain a regular member of this club? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

8. Is there a good and valid reason this person is unable to be a regular member of this club? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

a. If so, please detail what that reason is

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9. Why does this person merit consideration as an honorary member (please provide evidence of commitment to Rotary Ideals and object, evidence of service above self, and evidence of a commitment to the four way test).

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**Recommendation of Membership Committee (check one)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ We: recommend the Rotary Club of Orlando confer Honorary membership on this person for a period of \_\_\_\_ (specify) years.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ We do not recommend conferring Honorary Membership.