**VOCATIONAL SERVICES AWARDS**

Since 1981 the Denton- Lake Cities Rotary Club has recognized leading Denton and Lake City’s residents for their contribution to our community and service district through their chosen vocation.

Every year the Denton - Lake Cities Rotary Club considers a group of distinguished community members who have been nominated by fellow Rotarians. These vocations categories include: Education, Community Services, Frontline and Local Entrepreneurs. Multiple recognitions are encouraged in each category.

As a charitable organization comprised of members representing their respective professions, it is a privilege to recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves within the professional community.

**Criteria for Award**

The standards the Denton-Lake Cities Rotary Club uses to determine those nominated for awards are the Rotary 4 Way Test and the Rotary Creed. The 4 Way Test is comprised of 4 questions we ask ourselves when making decisions in business and in life. They are: “**Is it the truth? Is it fair for all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”** The Rotary Creed is **“Service Above Self”.**

Nominees for this Award should be outstanding individuals in their profession who have made a significant contribution to their community and/or vocation over a significant period of time.

* **Service-Above-Self** nature of the nominee’s activities
* The good character of the nominee **(Truthful**)
* Professional regard in which the nominee is held in their vocation **(Fair to all Concerned**)
* The regard in which the nominee is held in the community **(Build Goodwill and Better Friendships)**
* The community value and the positive public relation effort on the vocation and the individual resulting from the nomination **(Beneficial to all Concerned)**

**Evaluation and Selection Process**

Due diligence will be carried out discreetly on all nominees by the vocational service awards committee. Nominators will be contacted to obtain additional information as needed and to confirm receipt of the nomination.

The Service and Awards Committee will make their recommendations to the Club Board for final approval prior to any announcements. Board will have final approval of any selections.

Vocational Service Awards Recipients shall receive a personalized framed certificate containing specific details regarding the nomination. Nominees must agree to attend a Club meeting to receive the award. Nominees who meet the criteria may be rolled into the next rotary year if they are unable to accept the award during the current year.