1. Charities are limited to New Mexico-based charities that benefit children in New Mexico directly or indirectly. Charity must be a New Mexico 501-(C) 3.

2. Charities must be nominated by and supported by a Rotary Del Sol member. If that member is not familiar with your organization, they should be invited to visit to become more familiar with the organization. Should we receive a request from a charity not associated with a member, we will announce that charity's interest in being nominated and see if any member would take the initiative to nominate and sponsor the organization.

3. Donation should be used to initiate a new project or supplement existing programs and assist them in public awareness for their advancement or promotion. The charity should also indicate how the Rotary Del Sol Club will be recognized for its support (e.g. display of the Rotary Wheel or plaque).

4. The Charity Vetting Committee shall be composed of five members of the Club appointed by the President plus the President who shall be a member of the Committee but only vote on matters in case of a tie vote of the other members.

5. Members of the Charity Vetting Committee are not allowed to nominate a charity.

6. Organizations shall have 501 (C) 3 status and provide an IRS Determination Letter with nomination, which shows that the charity is a New Mexico 501 (C) 3.

7. A completed Charity Nomination Form must be provided by the organization to the nominating member for distribution to the vetting committee. Charities will be expected to identify how they will actively participate in the Governors Charity Ball. Use of their mailing list for invitations/sponsors, table sales, assisting the night of, or providing auction items are suggested ways to help.

8. Charities must demonstrate sufficient financial viability to establish to the Charity Vetting Committee that they have the ability to continue to provide their charitable services for at least the next two years.

9. Charities selected as beneficiaries for Governors Charity Ball proceeds in any one year are not eligible to apply for consideration in the two years immediately following their selection.

**Deadline for applications is July 31, 2019**

Applications should be submitted to Dacia Card of the Charity Vetting Committee by the nominating member. The committee will screen applications, ensuring they meet the above criteria. Special emphasis will be placed on a charity’s capability in supporting the Governors Charity Ball by selling tickets/tables, providing auction items, and supporting other activities to ensure the success of the event. The Charity Vetting Committee will conduct 1 or more preliminary votes of the Committee to get to a short list of six for presentation to the club. The President of the Club who is a member of the committee shall only vote on Charity applications in case of a tie.

Once nominated, the charity’s nominating member or a speaker from the organization will be provided time for a presentation to the club. The presentation will be made at a regular weekly
meeting prior to any voting.

After the six nominated charities have an opportunity to make a presentation to the club, a vote of the members shall take place to select the two charities for the 2020 Governors Ball. The vote shall take place by secret ballot at a regular Thursday meeting of the Club. Members who are unable to attend or are members of the Satellite meeting shall have an opportunity to vote via email if those votes are received prior to the vote at the Thursday regular meeting.

The Charity Vetting Committee shall tabulate the votes. In the event of a tie the President shall vote to break the tie. Immediately after the votes are tabulated the Secretary shall publish the names of the two selected charities to the membership by email.