

UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS

What are Foundation recognition points, and how can I earn them?

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the [Annual Fund](#), the [PolioPlus Fund](#), the [Disaster Response Fund](#), or an approved global grant. You receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar you contribute to these funds. Contributions to the [Endowment Fund](#) aren't eligible for recognition points.

You can also transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify for Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor uses or transfers them and until the donor's death. The surviving spouse or partner of a Major Donor may also use the points.

How do I transfer Foundation recognition points?

Recognition points can be transferred only in groups of at least 100 points at a time, and you need to complete and sign the [Recognition and Transfer Request](#). The points cannot be transferred from a person to a club or district. In addition:

- Individual donors are the only people allowed to transfer points from their own account.
- Club presidents are the only people allowed to transfer points from a club account.
- District governors are the only people allowed to transfer points from a district account.

Can Foundation recognition points of deceased club members be transferred?

Not in most cases. These points become invalid unless the person was a [Major Donor](#) in which case their spouse or partner can use or donate the points during their lifetime.

Can a business or organization become a Paul Harris Fellow?

No. Only people can become Paul Harris Fellows. However, businesses and organizations that contribute US\$1,000 or more or transfer 1,000 points or more can receive certificates of appreciation.

Can a deceased person become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Yes. A donor can honor a person who has died by requesting a Memorial Paul Harris Fellow designation.

Do Foundation recognition points count toward Major Donor recognition?

No. Only cumulative, outright personal contributions are counted toward [Major Donor recognition](#).

How are Foundation recognition points tracked?

Your club and district leaders can review the Club Recognition Summary online. It includes the recognition amount, a tally of recognition points, the current Paul Harris Fellow level, and the date that the level was achieved.

If you sign in to My Rotary, you can review your personal contribution history, recognition amount, and available Foundation recognition points. You can request a copy of your Donor History Report from the Foundation by writing to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

On the Club Recognition Summary, what's the difference between the recognition amount and the available Foundation recognition points?

The recognition amount reflects the total Paul Harris Fellow recognition you have accumulated through your personal contributions plus any recognition points you've been given by other people, clubs, or districts. Recognition points given to you don't count toward Major Donor recognition.

Available Foundation recognition points reflects the points you've accumulated through outright personal giving to the Foundation. All points listed can be transferred to other people for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

The maximum number of points that can be shown on the Club Recognition Summary report is 9,000. A plus sign indicates that the actual amount exceeds that level.

Can clubs and districts accumulate Foundation recognition points?

Yes. Clubs can review their recognition point total in the Club Recognition Summary.

Districts can find their Foundation recognition points in the Donor History Report. They can request the report by writing to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

How can I use Foundation recognition points to increase giving to the Foundation?

Matching outright contributions with Foundation recognition points may help your club reach or even surpass its Annual Fund goal, as well as achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

To determine whether your club is close to achieving 100% Paul Harris Fellow status, review the recognition amounts of all club members currently listed as active in the Club Recognition Summary.

To determine whether you're close to achieving your Annual Fund goal, review the Monthly Contribution Report.

What recognition opportunities are available with Foundation recognition points?

Paul Harris Fellow

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given to anyone who contributes US\$1,000 or more (or receives the equivalent in Foundation recognition points) cumulatively to the Annual Fund, the PolioPlus Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, or an approved global grant. Recognition consists of a certificate and pin.



Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

Recognition as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow is given for subsequent donations of US\$1,000. Recognition consists of a pin set with stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition level.

- \$2,000 to \$2,999 - One sapphire
- \$3,000 to \$3,999 - Two sapphires
- \$4,000 to \$4,999 - Three sapphires
- \$5,000 to \$5,999 - Four sapphires
- \$6,000 to \$6,999 - Five sapphires
- \$7,000 to \$7,999 - One ruby
- \$8,000 to \$8,999 - Two rubies
- \$9,000 to \$9,999 - Three rubies

Certificate of Appreciation

Certificate of Appreciation recognition is given to honor a business or organization. A donor can use Foundation recognition points to award a business or organization a certificate of appreciation.

