

# UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS

## What are Foundation recognition points and how can I accumulate them?

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the [Annual Fund](#) or [PolioPlus](#), or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. Contributions to the [Endowment Fund](#) are not eligible.

Donors can transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, unless the points are transferred, or until the donor uses them (the surviving spouse of a Major Donor may also use the points).

## How do I transfer Foundation recognition points?

A minimum of 100 Foundation recognition points must be transferred at a time, and you must complete and sign the [Recognition and Transfer Request](#). The points may not be transferred from individuals to a club or district.

- Individual donors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from their individual account.
- Club presidents are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from a club account.
- District governors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from a district account.

## Can Foundation recognition points of deceased Rotarians be transferred?

No. These points expire unless the deceased Rotarian was a [Major Donor](#), in which case, the spouse/partner maintains control of the Foundation recognition points during his or her lifetime.

## Can a business or organization become a Paul Harris Fellow?

No. Only individuals can become Paul Harris Fellows. However, businesses and organizations can receive a Certificate of Appreciation for contributions of \$1,000 or more, or transfers of 1,000 points or more.

## Can a deceased person become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Yes. A donor can recognize a deceased individual by requesting a Memorial Paul Harris Fellow designation.

## Do Foundation recognition points count toward Major Donor recognition?

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

## How are Foundation recognition points tracked?

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

Through your My Rotary account, you can view your personal contribution history, recognition amount, and available Foundation recognition points. You can request a copy of your **Donor History Report** from the Foundation at [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

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

**Recognition amount** reflects the total Paul Harris Fellow recognition you have accumulated through your personal contributions plus all recognition points you've been given by other individuals, clubs, or districts. Recognition points given to you don't count toward Major Donor recognition. The maximum amount that can be shown on the Club Recognition Summary report is 9,000; the "+" sign indicates that the actual amount exceeds the 9,000-point maximum.

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

## Can clubs or districts accumulate Foundation recognition points?

Yes. Clubs can view their recognition points in the **Club Recognition Summary**.

Districts' Foundation recognition points are shown in the **Donor History Report**. Districts may request the report at [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto: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 Rotarians currently listed as active club members 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 extended to any individual who contributes, outright or cumulatively (or in whose name is contributed), \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus or as sponsorship of a portion of a Foundation grant. The recognition consists of a certificate and pin. In addition, [Paul Harris Fellow medallions](#) can be ordered at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org).



### Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognition consists of a pin with stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount

- \$2,000 to 2,999.99 - one sapphire
- \$3,000 to 3,999.99 - two sapphires
- \$4,000 to 4,999.99 - three sapphires
- \$5,000 to 5,999.99 - four sapphires
- \$6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphires
- \$7,000 to 7,999.99 - one ruby
- \$8,000 to 8,999.99 - two rubies
- \$9,000 to 9,999.99 - three rubies

### Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate of Appreciation is given to a business or organization in whose name a donor contributes \$1,000 or more.

