The District Awards Program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of Rotary Clubs and their members in all that they do to serve others.

The Awards criteria is organized into four categories to align with Rotary International’s Action Plan designed to *Increase Our Impact*, *Expand Our Reach*, *Enhance Participant Engagement*, *Increase Our Ability to Adapt*.

In addition to the District Awards, there are several district individual awards. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) club and individual awards are also available. A list along with the applications for each award will be distributed to Club Presidents at least 60 days before the submission deadline.

**District Awards:**

* **Club of the Year -** In each club size category (Large Club of the Year, Medium Club of the Year, Small Club of the Year)
* **“Bell Club”** – Awarded to the club that most reflects the year’s vision of **Educating**, **Serving** and **Inspiring** our communities through Rotary.
* **Category Awards** – Clubs who attain a certain percentage of points in any one of the following categories will receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold award for each category:
  + Impact
  + Reach
  + Engagement
  + Adapt

**Rotarian of the Year and Rookie Rotarian of the Year**

The District Rotarian of the Year and Rookie Rotarian of the Year will be selected from nominations received from clubs. Nomination forms will be distributed later in the year.

**District Hall of Fame**

Inductees into the District Hall of Fame will be selected from the nominations received from the club and are due by April 10, 2026.

**Club Size Categories**

Membership reflected by Rotary International as of July 1, 2025, shall determine the club size for purposes of the District Awards packet and will be as follows:

*Small Club: 24 or fewer members*

*Medium Club: 25-53 members*

*Large Club: 54 or more members*

**Dates & Deadlines**

The District Awards criteria begins July 1, 2025, but please note that there may be a few criteria which have earlier due dates, before your President year actually begins, but count towards your awards.

The completed and signed Awards packet shall be submitted to your club’s Assistant Governor to review before submitting to the District Awards Chair. It is recommended to work closely within your club and with your Assistant Governor to complete the Awards packet.

The deadline for completing the criteria items is April 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted. Any items scheduled to be completed or implemented in part, but not completed, by the deadline, should be discussed with the Club’s Assistant Governor prior to the certification of the packet.

**Certification and Consideration**

The information provided in the completed District Awards packet will be tabulated and scored for each participating club according to a point system. Each criteria item that is checked will receive the number of points allocated to it. Following tabulation and scoring, the data will be made available to the District Awards Committee for consideration and final determination of awards.

The Awards committee consists of the District Governor, the Assistant Governors and the District Awards Chair.

**Announcement of Awards**

All District Awards will be announced at the District Conference, May 1-3, 2026.

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| **IMPACT**  **Total Points Available: 375** | **Point Value** | **Completed** | **Due Dates**  **(If Applicable)** |
| Conduct at least one service project in your local community with a Rotary banner, flyer or other promotional materials publicly visible | **100** |  |  |
| Have at least 15% of members participate in a Blood Drive or Blood Donation in the name of your Rotary club. | **25** |  |  |
| Every club member makes a monetary contribution to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. | **25** |  |  |
| Every club member makes a monetary contribution to Polio Plus | **25** |  |  |
| Conduct a club meeting with a Rotary Foundation speaker from the District AND invite someone from the community as a guest | **100** |  |  |
| Participate in the District Speech Contest | **50** |  |  |
| Have an Interact, RYE or RYLA student come speak at your club meeting | **50** |  |  |

**IMPACT POINTS ACHIEVED:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **REACH**  **Total Points Available: 400** | **Point Value** | **Completed** | **Due Dates**  **(If Applicable)** |
| Conduct a Membership Assessment and then present to your club. Share with your Assistant Governor. | **50** |  |  |
| Have at least 15% of your members participate in a Rotary Action Group | **25** |  |  |
| Actively participate in a Rotary Foundation Global and/or District Grant | **100** |  |  |
| Invite someone in the community to come speak on their Vocation (not another non-profit). Highlight the professional development and networking within your Rotary club. | **25** |  |  |
| Have an article published in local print media or have tv or radio coverage of your club’s service project or have it mentioned on a non-Rotarian website | **50** |  |  |
| Post at least two “EVENTS” to the District website about a club program, project, fundraiser or event | **25** |  |  |
| Publish and distribute (mail or email) a regularly scheduled club bulletin or newletter | **50** |  |  |
| Sponsor at least one RYLA Student | **25** |  |  |
| Sponsor an RYE Student | **50** |  |  |

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| **ENGAGEMENT**  **Total Points Available: 450** | **Point Value** | **Completed** | **Due Dates**  **(If Applicable)** |
| Conduct a Club Board Planning Retreat prior to July 1, 2025 | **25** |  | **Prior to June 30, 2025** |
| Have at least (3-small, 6-medium, 8-large) club members attend District Assembly on  March 29, 2025 | **100** |  |  |
| Have at least (3-small, 6-medium, 8-large) club members ***registered*** to attend District Conference by October 1, 2025 | **100** |  | **October 1, 2025** |
| Develop or maintain a mentor program to ensure all ***new*** club members are engaging with the club in a meaningful way within the first year of their membership | **25** |  |  |
| Use Club or Member’s Paul Harris Fellow Recognition points to recognize someone in the club for outstanding commitment to the growth and prosperity of the club | **25** |  |  |
| Enter your club’s goals in Rotary Club Central (myrotary.org) by June 30, 2025 | **25** |  | **June 30, 2025** |
| Have at least (2-small, 5-medium, 10-large) club members attend the District Foundation Dinner | **100** |  |  |
| Have at least 2 members complete the Youth District Protection Certification for the current year | **50** |  |  |

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| **ADAPT**  **Total Points Available: 500** | **Point Value** | **Completed** | **Due Dates**  **(If Applicable)** |
| Have 4 club meetings with an online speaker (Zoom or other) from out of the region | **25** |  |  |
| ***Partner*** with at least one other Rotary Club or local community service organization on a service project with a Rotary banner, flyer or other promotional materials publicly visible (separate from service project above). | **50** |  |  |
| Utilize at least one new form of communication for your club and/or to the public (social media, Meetup, website, text messaging, etc.) | **50** |  |  |
| Charter/sponsor a new Interact or Rotaract Club | **100** |  |  |
| Host a unique event such as a Themed Networking Event, Workshop or Talk or Family Friendly Event with the community | **50** |  |  |
| Collaborate with a local organization for a meeting for both organizations to interact and hear about each other | **100** |  |  |
| Create a short, engaging video about the club’s contribution to the community and post on club website, social media and send to the District to publish | **100** |  |  |
| Create / Continue an engaging Greeter to the meetings where members feel welcomed and guests are introduced to multiple club members | **25** |  |  |

**ADAPT POINTS ACHIEVED:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Our club respectfully submits this District Awards packet for consideration to the 2025-2026 District Awards Chair.

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Signature – Assistant Governor Date Received by Assistant Governor

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**IMPACT** – Total Points Achieved / 375

**REACH** – Total Points Achieved / 400

**ENGAGEMENT** – Total Points Achieved / 450

**ADAPT** – Total Points Achieved / 500

**TOTAL POINTS:**  / 1,725

Certified by Awards Chair:

Date Certified: