

EXEMPLARY PROJECTS

In pursuit of Rotary's strategic priority of Increasing Our Impact, the Rotaract Clubs of Rotaract International District 3860 proudly presents the Exemplary Project Award—a hallmark recognition under the District Awards designed to elevate the standard of service among Rotaract Clubs across the country.

At the heart of every outstanding Rotaract Club is a project that transforms lives—one that is relevant, innovative, well-executed, collaborative, and creates lasting change in communities. The District Awards aims to place a seal of excellence on these remarkable initiatives, not only to honor their impact but also to inspire other clubs to dream bigger, do more, and serve better.

This year, we go further by shining the spotlight on projects that push the boundaries of advocacy and creativity, aligned with Rotary International's enduring commitments.

To ensure a fair, consistent, and comprehensive evaluation, all entries will undergo a point-based judging system. This method allows each project to be rated based on clearly defined criteria, such as impact, innovation, social relevance, sustainability, and overall execution. To ensure the highest integrity and standards, each entry will undergo a rigorous evaluation process by a distinguished panel of judges. These experts hail from sectors including government, international organizations, NGOs, foundations, and private industry—bringing with them deep expertise in project management and social development. In addition, a Past District Rotaract Representative will serve as one of the judges, ensuring each project is thoughtfully evaluated through the lens of Rotary's causes, values, and guiding principles.

Through this award, we recognize not just the best, but those who dared to go beyond good—to deliver real, measurable impact in the spirit of service above self.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY

1. Club with an Active Status with Rotary International.
2. Club with a Reported Rotaract Club President and Club Officers with Rotary International.
3. Club that has fully paid the Rotary International dues by April 15, 2026 (except newly chartered clubs).
4. Club with no financial liability to the District.

AREA OF FOCUS

Aligned with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus—Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Environment, Maternal and

Child Health, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene—this awards category seeks to honor those who exemplify what it truly means to be People of Action.

This recognition is dedicated to Rotary International-recognized Rotaract Clubs that served as the main implementing organization of an impactful community project. While collaboration with Rotary Clubs, fellow Rotaract Clubs, government agencies, NGOs, and other institutions is encouraged, the lead Rotaract Club must have contributed the greater share of effort, time, and resources to bring the project to life.

Through this category, we shine a spotlight on clubs that have embraced Rotary's causes with innovation, compassion, and sustainability—championing initiatives that transform lives, uplift communities, and truly increase our impact.

Let this be a celebration not just of projects—but of purpose.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

At the heart of the District Awards lies the belief that every Rotaract Club has the power to create meaningful, lasting change. To ensure fairness and clarity in recognizing excellence, the following criteria set the standard for entries that aim to showcase the best of Rotaract service and impact.

1. Any Rotary International- recognized Rotaract clubs active between April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 is eligible to submit or nominate entries.
 - Clubs may submit as many entries as they wish provided each one fits the description of its selected category.
 - Each entry must have its own entry form.
 - A project may be submitted only in one category or area of focus. If it overlaps across multiple areas, the club must choose the most dominant theme and submit it under that focus.
 - Entries that do not meet the submission guidelines or deadlines will be disqualified.
2. Projects must have been implemented between April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

To ensure a smooth submission process, the District outlines the following guidelines for submitting your club's entries to the 2026 District Awards:

1. The online entry form will be made available by the District once the official submission period opens. This will be announced through our social media platforms and official website. The deadline for submission is on May 1, 2026.



2. Each entry must include the following information:

- Project Title
- Date of Event/Project
- Venue
- Number of Participating Rotaract Members
- List of Partner Clubs/ Organizations
- Target Beneficiaries
- Total Number of Beneficiaries
- Duration of the Project
- Objectives
- Executive Summary of the Project
- Social Impact (max 5000 characters)
- Official Pubmat of the Project
- 3 Action Photos

3. Each entry must make a one-minute video, which will be presented also during the District Awards presentation of Top 3 finalists in each category.

- The video should include project implementation highlights and Documentation (Photos/Short clips)
- Technical Requirements:
 - at least 1080p resolution (1920x1080 px)
 - 16:9 aspect ratio
 - .mp4 format
 - Minimal Editing for authenticity and storytelling

4. Incomplete entries or failure to follow the submission requirements will result in automatic disqualification.

5. All submitted materials become the property of the District and may be used for promotions or documentation.

SELECTION PROCESS

Every meaningful story deserves the spotlight- and to ensure that the best of the best Rotaract service projects are rightfully recognized, the selection process for the District Awards has been thoughtfully structured to be fair, inspiring and of the highest integrity.

1. Upon submission, all received entries will undergo a preliminary screening by the District Awards Committee Team. This review will focused solely on:
 - a. Validation of the completeness of required documents.

- b. Accuracy and corrections of the representations stated in the forms and supporting materials.
2. If necessary, the District Awards Committee may also re-classify entries to ensure they are evaluated under the most appropriate category. This step ensures fairness and maintains the credibility of the awards.
3. Once screened, the entries will be passed on to an esteemed panel of at least four (4) external judges and one (1) Past District Rotaract Representative, composed of experts in project management, social impact and community development from the government, NGOs, private sector and the Rotary community. Their mission is to evaluate each submission independently, apply a rigorous, criteria-based scoring system and Identify the Top three (3) finalists in each category.
4. The panel of judges will then convene to collectively revisit their scores, deliberate and finally select the winner for each award category. This ensures that each decision is made with care, collaboration and in alignment with the goals of the District Awards.
5. Winners will be honored during the District Awards Ceremony. The Top 3 will receive plaques.
6. Special Award: Most Outstanding Project will be given to the project that earns the highest score among all entries across the categories.

Please note that the results of the District Awards are independent of any district-based recognitions, Rotary International Awards, or any external recognition programs. This ensures that the District Awards maintain their own unique standards and criteria in highlighting exemplary Rotaract Service.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

AREA OF FOCUS

Impact & Outcomes	30 points
Social Relevance and Alignment with Area of Focus	25 points
Sustainability & Continuity	20 points
Innovation & Creativity	15 points
Community Engagement & Partnerships	10 points

TOTAL: 100 points

- **Impact & Outcomes**- *State the quantifiable results of the project (output, outcome and impact) as against project objectives.*
- **Social Relevance and Alignment with Area of Focus** - *Did the project address a problem that is aligned with the Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus?*
- **Sustainability & Continuity** – *Did the project assess its long-term viability beyond implementation?*
- **Innovation & Creativity**- *Did the project employ new ideas/ fresh approaches to address the problem?*
- **Community Engagement & Partnerships** -*Did the project involve the family of Rotary and other external partners for resource mobilization and project execution.*