



# Rotary District 6490 Annual Awards 2024-25 Rotary Year

**Applications are due by midnight Friday, May 9, 2025. All awards will be presented at the District Installation Saturday, June 14, 2025, in Rantoul, IL.**

## **ROTARY DISTRICT 6490 CRITERIA FOR ROTARY YEAR 2024-25**

### **GENERAL, INDIVIDUAL & AVENUE OF SERVICE AWARD SUBMISSION RULES:**

- One (1) photo or group photo of the club must accompany each nomination form.
- The project(s) must be a new project or an enhanced project.
- The project(s) must not have received an award before.
- Be concise when describing your project/nominee.
- Follow all rules on applications.
- All applications should be filled out, scanned and emailed to District Awards Committee Chair Dana Schaumburg at [dschaumburg@hotmail.com](mailto:dschaumburg@hotmail.com). You may include additional information and photos as attachments.
- If you do not receive confirmation of the application within 48 hours, please contact Dana Schaumburg at the email above or at 217-260-9099. The application will not be considered as received until receipt is verified.
- If a club submits an award application, it is important that a member of your club be present to receive the award at the District Installation Saturday, June 14, 2025 in Rantoul.

## **AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARDS—ROTARY YEAR 2024-25**

### **AVENUE OF SERVICE AWARD SUBMISSION RULES:**

- One (1) photo or group photo of the club must accompany each Avenue of Service nomination form.
- The project(s) must be a new project or an enhanced project.
- The project(s) must not have received an award before.
- Check the Avenue of Service you are applying for on each submission. The committee reserves the right to designate an award in a different Avenue of Service if warranted.
- Be concise when describing your project.
- Follow all rules on applications.
- All applications should be filled out, scanned and emailed to District Awards Committee Chair Dana Schaumburg at dschaumburg@hotmail.com. You may include additional information and photos as attachments.
- If you do not receive confirmation of the application within 48 hours, please contact Dana Schaumburg at the email above or at 217-260-9099. The application will not be considered as received until receipt is verified.

**CLUB SERVICE AWARD:** This award focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan. Clubs foster communication among club members and with the community through social media or other media coverage of club activities.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD:** This award calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Club members mentor young people for success in vocational pursuits, organize a vocational service discussion or group workshop to inspire others to take action and teach other club members more about their vocation by giving a talk.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** This award encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public's interest. Clubs lead the planning and implementation of a sustainable local service project, secure partnerships with a corporate, governmental or nongovernmental entity to work on a project together and volunteer in community service projects.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD:** This award exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad and more.

**YOUTH SERVICE AWARD:** This award recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs. Clubs lead the planning and implementation of a service project that supports the development of young people in the community, participate in a youth exchange event, sponsor an Interact Club or foster a connection between club members and members of a local Interact Club.

## **INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS—ROTARY YEAR 2024-25**

### **INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION AWARD SUBMISSION RULES:**

- One (1) photo must accompany each nomination form.
- Check the Individual Recognition Award you are applying for on each submission.
- Be concise when describing your nominee.
- Follow all rules on applications.
- It is appropriate to consult with Rotarians familiar with the nominee to ensure accuracy of the information.
- All applications should be filled out, scanned and emailed to District Awards Committee Chair Dana Schaumburg at dschaumburg@hotmail.com. You may include additional information and photos as attachments.
- If you do not receive confirmation of the application within 48 hours, please contact Dana Schaumburg at the email above or at 217-260-9099. The application will not be considered as received until receipt is verified.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION:**

**HALL OF HONOR AWARD:** The recipient of this recognition must have been a Rotarian for at least seven (7) years in Rotary International District 6490 and must have made significant contributions to the District and his/her Club.

**ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:** The recipient of this recognition must have been a Rotarian for at least three (3) years and must have demonstrated/exemplified to the highest degree the ideals of Rotary service during the current Rotary year.

**NEW ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR:** The recipient of this recognition shall be a new Rotarian who joined a Rotary Club in Rotary International District 6490 at such time that he/she shall have completed at least twelve (12) months but not more than thirty-six (36) months membership at the time he/she is nominated.

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS (Large & Small)—ROTARY YEAR 2024-25**

The District 6490 Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year Award (Large or Small Club) will receive a large cloth banner that the Club may display for one year. The banner typically has the Rotary wheel and the words "District 6490 Rotary Club of the Year," the name of the Club, the name of the Club President and year of presentation. The award will be presented at the District Installation Saturday, June 14, 2025 in Rantoul.

### **CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD SUBMISSION RULES:**

- All Clubs nominated should qualify for the RI Presidential Citation.
- All Clubs should show a net increase in club membership (excluding Honorary members) between July 1-June 30 of the current Rotary year.
- Membership increase may include those who have been approved for membership by the Club before the year end but may not have been formally inducted or added to the RI database.
- Each member may nominate one (1) Rotary Club.

## **OPTIONAL CRITERIA:**

The following may be considered:

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

- Specific membership development programs undertaken by the Club in the current Rotary year;
- New member orientation, mentoring, and member education initiatives developed by the Club;
- Sponsorship of a new Rotary, Interact, Rotaract or Satellite Club;
- Public Relations programs undertaken by the Club in the current Rotary year.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

- Current local service project(s);
- Current world community service project(s);
- Level of hands-on Club involvement in service projects rather than the dollar value should be considered the primary factor;
- Sponsorship of Youth Exchange services;
- Active involvement with an Interact and/or Rotaract Club(s);
- Sponsorship of candidates to RYLA and other Rotary sponsored youth programs.

### **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

- Club members service on District, Zone or RI committees or task forces;
- Club attendance at District training seminars and other District events;
- Club registrations for the upcoming RI Convention and/or the District Conference;
- Applications for The Rotary Foundation grants.

### **SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB**

- Club members service on District, Zone or RI committees and task forces;
- Club attendance at District training seminars and other District events;
- Club registrations for the upcoming RI International Convention and/or the District.