



# Rotary District 6490 Rotary Club of the Year (Large & Small) Submission Form

**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**

### **ROTARY CLUB OF THE YEAR (SMALL & LARGE) 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.

## **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.

This award recognizes the Club that has performed in the highest traditions of Rotary during the previous year. The Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year will demonstrate high achievement as an effective Rotary club. (Large Clubs: 50+ members; Small Clubs: 49 members and less)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Citation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Club membership total on July 1, 2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club membership total on March 31, 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Member numbers may include new members accepted for membership by the Club but awaiting formal installation or database updates. Please indicate below if this is the case.

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**Membership Development:** List the Club's membership development and public relations strategies. List any efforts to sponsor new Rotary, Interact, Rotaract or Satellite Clubs.

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**Service Projects:** List details of the Club's local and international projects including Rotary-sponsored youth programs that the Club supports and how the Club members were active in the service projects.

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**The Rotary Foundation:** List details of the Club’s support for the Rotary Foundation with program support and financial support.

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**Service Beyond the Club:** List details of Club members’ service on Rotary committees outside the Club and details of Club members’ attendance at District training events. The number of members of the Club registered for the upcoming RI Convention and attendance at the annual District Conference may be considered.

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**Other Information:** List Public Relations/Public Image initiatives undertaken during the year and other relevant information that may assist your nomination.

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