

2025-26 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

For Kiwanis International clubs, members, divisions and districts



Distinguished club recognition

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Be in good standing with Kiwanis International and the district.
- Be at least at charter strength in membership.
- Earn 100 points from the following achievement opportunities:

1. MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

1.1	Develop a 2025-26 membership plan that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least one recruitment event.• Defined goals for each recruitment effort. <i>Kiwanis International provides an online form for a membership plan, to be submitted to the lieutenant governor.</i>	15 points
1.2	Recruit at least four (4) new members into the club.	15 points
1.3	Achieve a net gain of at least two (2) members.	10 points
1.4	Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis club.	10 points
1.5	Appoint a club membership chairperson at the start of the administrative year. <i>Membership chairperson should be submitted on the club election report.</i>	5 points

55 points

2. LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

2.1	Club president, secretary, treasurer and membership chairperson participate in Club Leadership Education or similar training coordinated by division, district or international educational leaders.	15 points
2.2	Officers are reported on the secretary dashboard.	10 points
2.3	At least one member attends the Kiwanis International convention.	5 points
2.4	At least one member participates in Kiwanis Amplify.	5 points

35 points

3. COMMUNITY IMPACT

3.1	Submission of a club signature project in the Kiwanis Signature Project Contest.	5 points
3.2	Sponsorship of one or more of the following Service Leadership Programs: Aktion Club, Builders Club, Circle K International, Key Club or K-Kids.	15 points
3.3	Submit at least 10 of the 12 monthly club reports.	10 points

30 points

4. FINANCIAL VIABILITY

4.1	Donate at least US\$10 per member to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or national Kiwanis foundation.	15 points
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5. BRANDING AND IMAGE

5.1	Complete Youth Protection Guidelines education.	10 points
5.2	Appoint a club public relations chairperson at the start of the administrative year. <i>Public relations chairperson should be submitted on the club election report.</i>	5 points

15 points

GRAND TOTAL POINTS >>

150 points

Club must earn 100 points to reach distinguished status

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished club president pin and certificate
- Distinguished club secretary pin and certificate
- Distinguished club banner patch

PRESENTATION

At district convention or other district event by board counselor or district governor

Distinguished member recognition

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Sponsor at least two (2) new members.

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished member recognition pin and certificate

PRESENTATION

Club meeting by Kiwanis club president or lieutenant governor

Distinguished division recognition

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 80% of clubs in the division submit a membership plan with identified recruitment efforts and goals by December 31.
- At least 66% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished club status.

PLUS

Special qualitative assessment by the Kiwanis International president and/or district governor

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished lieutenant governor pin and certificate

PRESENTATION

At district convention or other district conference by board counselor or district governor

Distinguished district recognition

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 50% of the clubs in the district achieving distinguished club status.
- District must submit a membership plan by October 31.
- Establish one (1) Kiwanis Voices club within districts of 4,000 or fewer members; or two (2) Kiwanis Voices clubs within districts of more than 4,000 members.
- Open one (1) Circle K International club within districts of 4,000 or fewer members; or two (2) Circle K International clubs within districts of more than 4,000 members.
 - *In Europe and Asia Pacific regions in districts where Circle K International Clubs are not feasible, additional Kiwanis Voices club must be established (one (1) in districts of 4,000 or fewer and two (2) in districts of more than 4,000).*

— OR —

- 3% net increase in district membership.
- Meet the club opening goal established jointly between the president-elect and the governor-elect prior to the start of the administrative year. **Clubs opened one month prior (September) and one month following (November) the administrative year count toward distinguished criteria.**
- Establish one (1) Kiwanis Voices club within districts of 4,000 or fewer members; or two (2) Kiwanis Voices clubs within districts of more than 4,000 members.
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PLUS

- Special qualitative assessment by president and/or board counselor
- Districts that achieve the higher new club opening goal would receive a special citation

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished district governor pin and certificate
- Distinguished district secretary pin and certificate
- Distinguished district banner patch
- Kiwanis website listing

PRESENTATION

Kiwanis International convention by Kiwanis International's immediate past president

Award items will be available for purchase from the Kiwanis Family Store.