

DISTRICT FIVE AWARDS DESCRIPTION and PROCEDURES

Three types of awards are presented at Conference: International, District, and Club sponsored.

A list with short descriptions and guidelines follows.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Mamie L. Bass Service Award

Established in 1963 by the International Board of Directors in memory of the first National President and author of the Altrusa Principles, the Mamie L. Bass Service Award recognizes outstanding Club achievement in service to the community. Entries need to be submitted based on criteria delineated on the International website. The District Service/Awards Chair coordinates this award. A Certificate of Merit and \$100 are presented annually by the International Representative at the District Conference. The winning application will be entered in international competition at International Convention each biennium. **Entries cannot also be submitted in the Letha H. Brown competition.**

Lucille Pence Award

Established in 1985, this award honors Past District Governor Lucille Pence and is the second-place winner in the annual Mamie L. Bass Service Award competition. **Altrusa of Springfield sponsors the award of \$50 and a certificate.**

Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

Established in 1993 by the International Board of Directors to honor Letha H. Brown, a Past International President, this award recognizes the best literacy project designed and implemented by an Altrusa Club. Entries will be judged on content, effectiveness, creativity, originality, and success in meeting the stated objectives, as delineated on the International website. A Certificate of Merit and \$100 are presented annually by the International Representative at the District Conference. The winning application will be entered in international competition at International Convention each biennium. **Entries cannot also be submitted in the Mamie L. Bass competition.**

Dorothy Spayth Literacy Award

Established in 2012, the Dorothy Spayth Literacy Award honors a 46-year Altrusan who helped to organize at least 7 clubs. This award is the second-place winner in the annual Letha H. Brown Literacy competition. **Altrusa of Findlay sponsors the award of \$50 and a certificate.**

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Established in 2003 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of Altrusa, the Nina Fay Calhoun Award is sponsored by the Altrusa International Foundation. It recognizes outstanding Club achievements in International Relations. Entries will be judged on how comprehensive the International focus was during the entire year and how it was incorporated into other aspects of the Club, as delineated on the International website. A Certificate of Merit and \$100 are presented annually by the International Representative at the District Conference. The winning application will be entered in international competition at International Convention each biennium.

Battle Creek International Relations Award

Established in 1988, the Battle Creek International Relations Award recognizes the second-place winner of the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award. **Altrusa of Battle Creek sponsors the award of \$50 and a certificate.**

ASTRA Club Service Award

Established in October 2019 by the Altrusa International and sponsored by Altrusa International Foundation, this award encourages ASTRA Clubs to actively participate in service projects designed to meet specific needs in the local community or within their own school community. Every ASTRA Club is eligible to enter one (1) service project each year. Entries need to be submitted based on criteria delineated on the International website under the ASTRA heading. The District ASTRA Chairperson coordinates the award. A Certificate of Merit and \$100.00 are presented annually by the International Representative at the District Conference. The winning application will be entered in international competition at International Convention each biennium. Entries may also not be submitted for the Mamie L. Bass Service Award or any other Altrusa award. ***Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2025. (Revised 12-2022)**

DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARDS

These awards are presented by **International** to charter-strength clubs, based on information supplied in the previous year's Club Activity Report.

DISTRICT AWARDS

Ann Baird Governor's Award

Established in 1987 by Governor Ann Baird, who also sponsored the first award, the Ann Baird Governor's Award is given to the Club best exemplifying revitalization since the last District Conference. The District Governor will determine the winner. **The District funds the \$50 award and provides the certificate, both of which are presented by the Governor at District Conference. No application required.**

CLUB AWARDS

Club Awards serving as second place for International Awards are located with their counterparts.

New Club Award

Established in 1990, the New Club Award is presented to clubs successful in chartering a new Altrusa Club within District Five since the previous Conference. Eligibility will be based on actual charter dates. **Altrusa of Bucyrus sponsors the award of \$100 and a certificate for each of the sponsoring clubs. No application required.**

Claudia J. Speakman District Five ASTRA Service Award

Established in 2011, the ASTRA Service Award recognizes an ASTRA Club in District Five for outstanding service activities conducted by members in their community. In 2022, the award was named after Claudia J. Speakman, a long-time member of the Columbus club who was an active inspirational leader for Altrusa. Her husband donated to the Columbus Foundation specifying the funds would be used for Altrusa's programs for girls/young women, as this was a special interest of Claudia's. Altrusa of Columbus sponsors the award of \$150 from the Columbus Foundation for the winning ASTRA club. Additional awards of up to \$150 each may be given to one or two runners-up annually. **See Appendix for Submission Form. (Revised 12-2022)**

Paula Reese Newsletter Award

Established in 1955 to honor Ruth B. Emmons, first President of the Sidney Altrusa Club, this award was renamed in 2022 to honor Emeritus member, Paula Reese, an Altrusa International of Akron member since 1991 and former editor for ten years of the Akron Altrusan. This award recognizes the club publishing the best newsletter based on select criteria. Three (3) copies of three (3) different newsletter issues are submitted. Altrusa of Akron sponsors the award of \$50 and a certificate. **See Appendix for the Judging Criteria and Score Sheet. (Revised 12-2022)**

Hamilton Attendance Award

Established in 1982, the Hamilton Award is given to the Club with the highest average attendance at all regularly scheduled Club meetings. The term “meetings” includes business and program meetings. The Club must meet a minimum of eleven (11) times between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year. **Altrusa of Hamilton sponsors the award of a certificate and \$50 for First Place, a certificate and \$25 for Second Place, and a certificate for Third Place.** See Appendix for specific Submission Criteria and Documentation.

Leola M. Heiss Long-Term Project Award

Established in 2015 in memory of Leola M. Heiss, a Charter Member of the Altrusa Club of Monroe, this award is presented to one club in District Five for an outstanding, long-term (at least 3 years) project, which serves the underprivileged. **Altrusa of Monroe, MI sponsors the award of \$100 and a certificate.** See Appendix for Submission Form and Scoring Criteria.

Membership Award

Established in 2010, the Membership Award recognizes the efforts of clubs that promote the purpose of Altrusa to the community and have brought additional individuals into their organization. Based on International membership records, the club with the highest percentage increase of members from January 1 through December 31 of the previous year will be the award winner. Membership records include Active, Emeritus and Life members. **Altrusa of Washington Court House sponsors the award of \$100 and a framed certificate.** Additionally, a certificate will be given to all clubs who show a net gain of 3 members or more during the same period.

Elizabeth E. Powelson Career Achievement Award

Established in 2007, the Elizabeth E. Powelson Career Achievement Award is given to an Altrusan distinguished in his/her chosen career. It is named after Altrusan Dr. Elizabeth E. Powelson, who had an outstanding career in science and education. **Altrusa of Springfield sponsors the award of a crystal vase.**

In addition to the name of the person nominating, phone, email, and club represented, the submission should include the following information about the nominee:

- Name, address, and phone
- Primary career and how the nominee distinguished him/herself, i.e. positions, titles, promotions, awards, and honors held or received
- Education includes schools, degrees, majors, etc.
- Research, books, or articles published (with name of magazine or, periodical)
- Organizations – volunteer, civic, professional associations, or other involvement (organization, office, date).
- Brief personal information such as family, activities, interests, hobbies, etc.

Mary B. Smith Yearbook Award

Established in 1972 to honor Past Governor Mary Shanks, a Greater Birmingham member, this award is presented to the Club that submits the best yearbook based on criteria listed in the

Appendix. In 2016, Altrusa of Youngstown adopted and renamed the award in recognition of Mary B. Smith, a founding member as well as a long-term member of their club. **Altrusa of Youngstown sponsors the award of \$100 and a certificate. See Appendix for the Judging Criteria and Score Sheet used by the judges to evaluate yearbooks submitted by clubs. No application required.**

Branch County New ASTRA Club Award

This award, which is now being sponsored by Branch County, was originally established in 1990 by the Fostoria Club and later taken over in 2009 by the Tiffin Club. The award is being presented to each club in District Five who has chartered an ASTRA Club in the last program year (June 1 to May 31). **Altrusa of Branch County provides an award of \$50 and a certificate. No application is required.**

Troy Conference Registrations Award

Established in 1988, the Troy Award is given to the club having the highest percentage of prepaid full registrations for the annual District Five Conference, based on the District Treasurer's record of club membership as of February 1. The Conference Registration Chair will calculate registration as of April 1 and report the club name to the Service Chair. Included for eligibility are the District Board of Directors and District Chairs in attendance at the Conference. Excluded from eligibility for the award are the club hosting the Conference and clubs under charter-strength. **Altrusa of Troy sponsors the \$50 award and a certificate.**

Dayton Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award

Established in 2012, the Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award is awarded for the service project or educational activity that best exemplifies the Altrusa ideal of patriotism. Clara Weisenborn, President of Dayton Altrusa 1946-1948, was an Ohio politician serving 22 years as a state legislator. An advocate of women's rights, she was the first woman to serve as chair of a committee in the Ohio legislature. For this award, patriotism is defined as any of the following:

- Love for and pride in our country
- Devotion to fulfilling a civic obligation
- Support of those who serve our country through the military or in other ways
- Loyalty to our democracy and what it stands for

Altrusa of Dayton sponsors the award of an American flag, \$50, and a certificate. See Appendix for Submission/Application Form.

Linda Atwell Outstanding Altrusan Award

Established in 1990 to honor Miriam V. Wolf, a past District Five Governor and distinguished nurse, this award was renamed in 2018 to honor Past Governor Linda Atwell. The award recognizes an individual who most exemplifies the objectives of Altrusa (patriotism, efficiency and service) in service to Altrusa and to the community. **Altrusa of Mansfield sponsors the award of \$50, a charm, and a certificate to the recipient.**

(See next page for more information about the award)

A panel of judges comprised of two Mansfield Altrusans and a third person from the community, who is involved in community services, will review the entries.

The submission form should include the following:

- Nominating club and contact information
- Member name and address
- Brief description of activities as an Altrusan
- Brief description of activities outside of Altrusa

See Appendix for Submission/Application Form.

Norma Hiner Club Innovation Award

Established in 2018 and revised in 2024, this award honors Norma Hiner, a past Altrusa International President and Lifetime Member of Altrusa International, Inc. Innovation and creativity play pivotal roles in transforming an ordinary club into an extraordinary one. This award will recognize one club in District Five for its demonstrated effort that supports club innovation and creative strategies to increase club membership during the last program year (June 1 to May 31). **Altrusa of Mansfield sponsors the award of \$100 and a certificate.**

Entries will be judged on creative and innovative ideas that focus on increasing club membership. A panel of judges comprised of two Mansfield Altrusans and a third person from the community, who is involved in community service, will review the entries. **See the Appendix for the Submission Requirements and Scoring Criteria.**

Appendix

Submission Forms, Judging Criteria and Scoring Sheets for Awards Sponsored by Specific District Five Clubs

(List the Submission/Application Forms)

- Claudia J. Speakman ASTRA Service Award Scoring Sheet (Columbus Club)
- Paula Reese Newsletter Award (Akron Club)
- Hamilton Attendance Award (Hamilton Club)
- Leola M. Heiss Long-Term Service Project Award (Monroe Club)
- Mary B. Smith Yearbook Award (Youngstown Club)
- Dayton Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award (Dayton Club)
- Linda Atwell Outstanding Altrusan Award (Mansfield Club)
- Norma Hiner Club Innovation Award (Mansfield Club)

**Claudia J. Speakman
District Five ASTRA Service Award
Judging Criteria and Score Sheet
Altrusa of Columbus**

(Each District Judge must complete a Criteria and Score Sheet.)

ASTRA CLUB OF: _____ DISTRICT: _____ JUDGE'S INITIALS: _____

I. Abstract (5 points)

A. Synopsis of the project in 100 words or less. _____

Maximum Points: 5

Points Earned: _____

II. Selection of Project (15 points: 5 points each)

A. States reason for choosing the project. _____

B. Goal of the project. _____

C. Resources that were required to complete the project. _____

Maximum Points: 15

Points Earned: _____

III. Summary (30 points: 5 points each)

A. Who was impacted and how? _____

B. Short and long-term consequences of the project. _____

C. Facts that show the importance of this project. _____

D. Description of how the ASTRA Club and its members benefited by participating in this project. _____

E. If the sponsoring Altrusa Club was involved describe how. _____

F. At least one photo provided _____

Maximum Points: 30

Points Earned: _____

III. Cover Page (5 points: 1 point each)

A. Name of Project and ASTRA Club Name _____

B. Sponsoring Altrusa Club and District _____

C. Date of Project _____

D. Contact Information of ASTRA Advisor and ASTRA Club member _____

E. Certification Statement completed _____

Maximum Points: 5

Points Earned: _____

Grand Total: 55 maximum

TOTAL POINTS EARNED: _____

Paula Reese Newsletter Award
Altrusa International of Akron

Judging Guidelines

Each of the three judges will score one set of the three different newsletter issues that have been submitted from each club using the Judging Criteria and Score Sheet. Each Score Sheet has 100 points possible; thus, the total possible points per judge per club would be 300. The total possible points per club from all three judges would be 900. The highest total points scored from all three judges will determine the winner. NOTE: Each judge should complete one Score sheet for each newsletter entered in District Competition.

Club Newsletters - Judging Criteria and Score Sheet

Altrusa International of _____ Issue _____

I. CONTENT: total possible points in this section - 70

- A. Advance Notice of Meeting
 - 1. Date, place and time (5) _____
 - 2. President's message (5) _____
 - 3. Upcoming board and committee meetings..... (5) _____
 - 4. Information re: reservations required, announcements..... (5) _____
 - 5. Program (5) _____
- B. Club News
 - 1. Projects (5) _____
 - 2. Committee Work (5) _____
 - 3. Board actions..... (5) _____
 - 4. New members (brief biographical data, etc.) (5) _____
 - 5. Notes (highlights) of preceding meeting (5) _____
- C. District News (workshops, conferences, new clubs, Governor's visits, etc.) (5) _____
- D. International news, such as Foundation Awards, policy announcements, Excerpts from International Bulletins/Newsletters and Accents (5) _____
- E. Personal Items, such as member promotions, honors, trips, illnesses, members' changes of address/phone number and ASTRA news, Slate of Candidates for local club offices, District, and International (10) _____

II. FORMAT - Total possible points in this section - 20

- A. Identification
 - 1. Full correct name of club, including City, State/Province..... (2) _____
 - 2. Name and email address of Editor (2) _____
 - 3. Name and email address of Club President (1) _____
- B. Attractive Appearance (10) _____
- C. Ease of Mailing (5) _____

III. READABILITY - Total possible points in this section - 10

- A. Arrangement of layout (with logical placement of various news) Items easy to find, identify and follow (5) _____
- B. Writing style (informal, one that clearly communicates and never dictates) (5) _____

Total Possible Points: 100 Total Points Earned: _____

Judge's Comments:

Hamilton Attendance Award Form Altrusa of Hamilton

Altrusa of _____

Membership Attendance Record for the Period of January 1 to December 31 20_____

Directions

Count the number of members who attend one meeting a month. If your club has more than one meeting a month, each member is counted only ONCE for that month, regardless of how many meetings they attended. Example: If a club has 2 meetings per month, 3 people attend the first and second meetings, and 5 different people attend only the second meeting. The total is 8. The first 3 can only be counted once.

To calculate:

Place the total number of dues-paying members for that specific month on line one. Place the total number of dues-paying members attending meetings that specific month on line two

Clubs must meet at least 11 times per year to qualify; total number of meetings used cannot exceed 12. Clubs that have more than one meeting per month must combine meetings and use those attending only once (*See above explanation above for those clubs who have more than one meeting per month.) Dues-paying members - excludes Honorary and Emeritus members. It DOES include all active members. Sample:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Members	22	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	274
Attending	14	15	18	14	12	12	17	10	13	14	14	14	169

Line 2 Total divided by Line 1 Total =% 169÷274= 62%

Instructions

1. Place the total dues-paying members for each specific month on Line 1
2. Place the total dues-paying members who attended a meeting during the specific month on Line 2
3. Total each line and divide Line 2 by Line 1 to get the percentage of attendance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Members													
Attending													

1. Line 1 Total _____
2. Line 2 Total _____
3. Divide Line 2 by Line 1 _____%

I certify the above information is true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Printed Name _____

Position in this Club _____ Date _____

Mail to: **Must be post-marked by February 1 to be eligible.**

See specific contact person for this award listed on the Awards Entry Information Chart.

The Leola M. Heiss Long-Term Service Project Award

Sponsored by Altrusa Club of Monroe, Michigan in memory of Charter Member Leola M. Heiss.
Submission should include the following and will be scored as indicated:

- Name of project/activity, purpose and how it relates to the underprivileged 5 points
 - Description of project/activity, how it was conducted and who was served 10 points
 - Duration of project/activity (minimum 3 yrs) and the outcome 20 points
 - Involvement of club members in the project/activity 5 points
 - Impact of the project/activity on the community and/or club members 10 points
- Total Possible Score 50 points**

Name of Project _____ (5 pts) _____
Description of project/how it was conducted/who was served (10 pts) _____
Duration of project _____ and Outcome (20 pts) _____
Number of members involved _____ of _____ Active Membership (5 pts) _____
Impact Community/Individual (10 pts) _____
Total _____

Description

Outcome

Impact

Club _____ President _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

**Mary B. Smith Yearbook Award
Altrusa of Youngstown
Yearbook - Judging Criteria and Score Sheet**

Altrusa International of _____

Date _____

I. CONTENT total possible points in this section - 70

Max Pts Score

A. Local Club Information (35 points)

- 1. Date, place and time (5) _____
- 2. Programs for the year (5) _____
- 3. List of club officer, committee chairs (5) _____
- 4. Roster of members to include..... (1) _____
 - a) Home/Business address (indicating mailing address), e-mail (1) _____
 - b) Telephone numbers (1) _____
 - c) Date (year only) that member became an Altrusan (1) _____
 - d) Birthdays (year optional) (1) _____
- 5. List of past Club Presidents and years they served..... (5) _____
- 6. List of Local Club Projects (5) _____
- 7. Dates of Club Organization/Charter, and list of Charter Members. (5) _____

B. District Information (15 points)

- 1. List of District Board of Directors /Addresses/Email (3) _____
- 2. List of District Committee Chairs/Addresses/Email..... (3) _____
- 3. Date and place of next District Conference (3) _____
- 4. Number of Clubs/Members in District Five..... (3) _____
- 5. Territorial Limits of District Five (3) _____

C. International Information (20 points)

- 1. List of International Officers/Addresses, including e-mail (note: space for this information to be written in later should be provided if not available at printing) (3) _____
- 2. List of International Committee Chairs/addresses (note: same as above). (3) _____
- 3. Date/place of next International Convention..... (2) _____
- 4. International Program Theme (2) _____
- 5. Date of Organization (1) _____
- 6. Altrusa Grace (2) _____
- 7. Altrusa Motto (1) _____
- 8. Altrusa Benediction..... (2) _____
- 9. Altrusa Colors... (1) _____
- 10. Number of Clubs/Members in International..... (2) _____
- 11. Altrusa International Email Address (1) _____

II. USABILITY total possible points in this section - 20

- A. Convenient size to handle and carry..... (5) _____
- B. Accurate (up to date and carefully proofread) (10) _____
- C. Readable (not too crowded; sufficient space for new info, clear type, headings, etc. (5) _____

III. FORMAT total possible points in this section - 10

- A. Appearance (pleasing, neat but not necessarily costly) (2) _____
- B. Logical arrangement of materials..... (3) _____
- C. Table of Contents or Index (3) _____
- D. Cover includes official name of Club, State/Province, and Year. (2) _____

Total Points Earned _____

The Dayton Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award Altrusa of Dayton

Clara Weisenborn, an Altrusan, was an Ohio politician who served 22 as a state legislator. An advocate of women's rights, Weisenborn was the first women to service as chair of a committee in Ohio legislature. Following her time in elected office, she returned to Dayton where she was active in the community. Clara Weisenborn served from 1946-1948 as president of Dayton Altrusa.

The Dayton Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award is awarded to the District Five Club for the service project or educational activity that best exemplifies the Altrusa ideal of patriotism.

For the purpose of this award, patriotism is defined as any of the following:

- Love for and pride in our country
- Devotion to fulfilling a civic obligation
- Support of those who serve our country through the military or in other ways
- Loyalty to our democracy and what it stands for

Objectives of the award:

- Encourage the development of service projects and educational activities related to patriotism
- Increase awareness of the need to support those in the community who serve our country in a variety of ways
- To instill in youth, the role patriotism has played in the history of our country
- Recognize a club's involvement in addressing a community need related to love of country

Submission should include the following and will score as indicated:

Name of project/activity, purpose and how relates to patriotism	10 points
Description of project/activity, how it was conducted and who it served	10 points
Duration of project/activity and the outcome	10 points
Involvement of club members in the project activity	10 points
Impact of the project/activity on the community and/or club members	10 points
Total	50 points

Award – An American Flag and \$50.00

Include the following:

Club name,
Club President
Contact Person
Address, City/State, Zip Code
Phone
Email

Linda Atwell Outstanding Altrusan Award

This award recognizes an individual who most exemplifies the objectives of Altrusa (patriotism, efficiency, and service) in service to Altrusa and to the community.

The person nominated must be an active Altrusan.

The award is sponsored by Altrusa of Mansfield.

Nominating Club: _____

Contact Information: _____

Name and Address of Member Nominated: _____

Brief Description of Activities as an Altrusan: _____

Brief Description of Activities outside of Altrusa: _____

Norma Hiner Innovation Award

Innovation Report Form

**This award is sponsored by Altrusa of Mansfield honoring
Past International President Norma Hiner**

This award will recognize and reward a club that has implemented creative and innovative strategies to increase club membership. Each question is worth up to 10 points, with a total possible 50 points. Judges will evaluate the quality of each question presented in essay/narrative format.

Please address the specifics of each question in your award entry submission:

- Question 1: Name the effort and strategy and how it supports a boost in club membership.
- Question 2: What were the specific steps your club considered to increase membership and what was the outcome?
- Question 3: Did the efforts to increase the club's membership include pre-orientation and/or orientation to inform the new member what is expected of them in becoming an Altrusan?
- Question 4: What is the club's plan to continue to increase membership throughout the coming years?
- Question 5: Total number of members involved in the steps to increase membership, and how many new members were initiated into the club in the past year?

Include the following:

Club _____

President _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____