

**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS-----**Please see Altrusa International Website for complete instructions for entry preparation. (See index for Awards.) It is important to follow the International criteria precisely for the following four awards as the entry awarded First Place in District Five will be forwarded to International for judging at the 2026 International Convention.

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### Applications Needed

<p>Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes the outstanding currently sponsored international service project in District Five that directly benefits individuals or communities outside the United States.</p> <p>This award is based on criteria described in the Altrusa International Resource. <u><a href="#">Dr.Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award</a></u></p>	<p>Mail FIVE (5) copies of award entry to:</p> <p>Sandra Ehrlich, District Five Awards Co- Chair 2650 Fieldbrook Court Troy, Ohio 45373 Cell: 443-534-5593 Email: <a href="mailto:sehrlich@woh.rr.com">sehrlich@woh.rr.com</a></p>
<p>Mamie L. Bass Service Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes the outstanding currently sponsored service project designed and implemented by an Altrusa Club in District Five.</p> <p>This award is based on criteria described in the Altrusa International Resource <u><a href="#">Mamie L. Bass Service Award</a></u></p>	<p>Mail FIVE (5) copies of award entry to:</p> <p>Germaine Vonderhaar, District Five Awards Co-Chair 11186 St. Rt. 732 Camden, Ohio 45311 Cell: 513-260-1607 Email: <a href="mailto:gvonderhaaraltrusa@gmail.com">gvonderhaaraltrusa@gmail.com</a></p>

<p>Letha H. Brown Literacy Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes the outstanding currently sponsored literacy project designed and implemented by an Altrusa Club in District Five</p> <p>This award is based on criteria outlined in the Altrusa International Resource.</p> <p><a href="#">Letha H. Brown Literacy Award</a></p>	<p>Mail FIVE (5) copies of award entry to:</p> <p>Sandra Ehrlich, District Five Awards Co-Chair 2650 Fieldbrook Court Troy Ohio 45373 Cell: 443-534-5593 Email: <a href="mailto:sehrlich@woh.rr.com">sehrlich@woh.rr.com</a></p>
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<p>ASTRA Club Service Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes an ASTRA Club in District Five for outstanding service activities members conduct in their community or school. Only 1 service project is allowed each year.</p> <p>This award is based on criteria outlined in the Altrusa International Resource.</p> <p><a href="#">ASTRA Service Award Guidelines &amp; Criteria (fillable PDF)</a></p>	<p>Mail FIVE (5) copies of Award entry to:</p> <p>Roberta Jacobs, District Five ASTRA Chair 1588 Fleet Rd. Troy, OH 45373 Phone: 937-266-2914 Email: <a href="mailto:rjacobsaltrusa@gmail.com">rjacobsaltrusa@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>***PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THIS AWARD MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2026 ALL THE OTHER AWARDS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026</b></p>
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**NOTE:** A Club who wins a First Place International Award at District Conference will not be eligible to submit that same project for an International award for the following two District Conferences. Clubs may not submit the same project for both the Mamie L. Bass Service Award and the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award in the same biennium.

This ends the 4 International Awards descriptions. Please use the hyperlink above to view the guidelines for specifics in applying and entry submissions. To use the hyperlink: Highlight the blue underlined link and then right click and choose Open Hyperlink. This will take you to Altrusa International awards information.

<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> If your club sponsors/provides an award, we are asking you to email any club submitting an entry to let them know it has been received.		
<p>Claudia J. Speakman District Five ASTRA Service Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$150 from the Columbus Foundation for the winner. Additional awards of up to \$150 may be given to 1 or 2 runners-up annually.</p>	<p>Recognizes an ASTRA Club in District Five for outstanding service activities members conduct in their community or school.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Columbus Club</p> <p>See appendix for Judging Criteria/Score Sheet and Submission Form.</p>	<p>Mail completed application to:</p> <p>Nancy J. Metzger Altrusa International of Columbus 424 Oakland Park Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43221 Cell: 614-578-9488 Email:metzn424@yahoo.com</p>

<p>Dayton Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award</p> <p>American Flag, \$50 and Certificate</p>	<p>Recognizes a service project or educational activity in District Five that best exemplifies the Altrusa ideal of patriotism.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Dayton Club</p> <p>See appendix for Submission/Application Form.</p>	<p>Mail completed application to:</p> <p>Susan Sanders Altrusa International of Dayton 5640 Bayside Drive Dayton, Ohio 45431-2206 Phone: 937-689-7743 Email: susiesanders2127@gmail.com</p>
<p>Paula Reese Newsletter Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Recognizes the best club newsletter in District Five based on criteria in the Altrusa International Resource.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Akron Club</p> <p>See appendix for the Judging Criteria and Score Sheet. Clubs please review.</p>	<p>Mail THREE (3) copies of THREE (3) different issues of club newsletter to:</p> <p>Linda Rittenour Altrusa International of Akron P.O. Box 364 Lakemore, Ohio 44250 Phone: 330-338-3378 Email:lritteno@aol.com</p>
<p>Hamilton Attendance Award</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Certificate &amp; \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> Certificate &amp; \$25 3<sup>rd</sup> Certificate</p>	<p>Recognizes clubs in District Five with highest average attendance at all regularly scheduled club meetings.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Hamilton Club</p> <p>See appendix for specific Submission Criteria and Documentation.</p>	<p>Mail TWO (2) completed forms to:</p> <p>Nancy Schwab Altrusa International of Hamilton Ohio, Inc PO Box 181271 Fairfield.Ohio 45018 Cell 513-519-6727 Email:mjs4214@aol.com</p>

<p>Cassie Gamble Long Term Service Project Award (formerly Leola M Heiss)</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes one club in District Five for an outstanding, long-term (at least three years) project which serves the underprivileged.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Chillicothe Club</p> <p>See appendix for Submission Form and Scoring Criteria.</p>	<p>Mail Award entry to:</p> <p>Pam Nichols Altrusa International of Chillicothe 27 North Fork Drive Chillicothe, OH 45601 740-701-0247 Email: Pdnichols716@gmail.com</p>

<p>Mary B. Smith Yearbook Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes the best club yearbook in District Five based on criteria in the Altrusa International Resource.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Youngstown Club</p> <p>See appendix for the Judging Criteria and Score Sheet. Clubs please review.</p>	<p>Mail THREE-3- copies of yearbook to:</p> <p>Mary Yee, 5072 Winthrop Drive Youngstown, OH 44515 Cell: (412) 849-6802 Email: mqyee_49@yahoo.co</p>

<p>Elizabeth Powelson Career Achievement Award</p> <p>Crystal Vase</p>	<p>Recognizes an active Altrusan who has distinguished him/herself in his /her chosen career.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Springfield Club</p> <p>Please see information for submission in the Awards Description document.</p> <p>A nominee for this award cannot be submitted For another <u>individual</u> award in the same year.</p>	<p>Mail award entry to:</p> <p>Sandy Justice Altrusa International of Springfield 3002 East High Street Springfield, Ohio 45505 Cell: 937-244-7007 Email: sjjustice52@yahoo.com</p>
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<p>Linda Atwell Outstanding Altrusan Award</p> <p>Certificate, Charm, &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Recognizes an Altrusan who most exemplifies the objectives of Altrusa International in service to Altrusa and the community. Must be an active member.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Mansfield Club</p> <p>See appendix for Submission/Application Form.</p>	<p>Mail completed application to:</p> <p>Lisa Bennet Altrusa International of Mansfield 11454 Lexwood Rd. Mansfield, Ohio 44904 cell: 316-619-9276 Email: allisab@me.com</p>
<p>Norma Hiner Club Innovation Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Recognizes a District Club for its demonstrated efforts in leadership development.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Mansfield Club</p> <p>See the appendix for the Submission Form and Scoring Criteria.</p>	<p>Mail award entry to:</p> <p>Lisa Bennet Altrusa International of Mansfield 11454 Lexwood Rd. Mansfield, Ohio 44904 cell: 316-619-9276 Email: allisab@me.com</p>

### No Applications Needed

<p>Ann Baird Governor's Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Club best exemplifying revitalization within the last year since District Conference</p>	<p>No application needed Determined by Governor</p>
<p>Troy Conference Registrations Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Highest percentage of pre-paid full registrations for District Conference on April 1 based on District Treasurer's membership records</p>	<p>No application needed Simply have your club members register early</p>
<p>New Club Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Awarded to each club successfully chartering a new Altrusa Club.</p> <p>Sponsored by Altrusa of Bucyrus</p>	<p>No application needed</p>
<p>New ASTRA Club Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Awarded to each club that charters a new ASTRA Club.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Branch County Club</p>	<p>No application needed</p>



<p>Membership Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$100</p>	<p>Highest percentage increase of members based on International Membership records</p> <p>Sponsored by Altrusa of Washington Courthouse</p>	<p>No application needed</p>
<p>Lucille Pence Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Monetary award to the second-place winner in the Mamie L. Bass competition.</p> <p>Sponsored by Altrusa International of Springfield.</p>	<p>No additional application needed</p> <p>See Mamie L. Bass Service Award</p>
<p>Dorothy Spayth Literacy Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Monetary award to the second-place winner in the Letha H. Brown competition.</p> <p>Sponsored by Altrusa International of Findlay.</p>	<p>No additional application needed</p> <p>See Letha H. Brown Literacy Award</p>
<p>Battle Creek International Relations Award</p> <p>Certificate &amp; \$50</p>	<p>Monetary award to the second-place winner in the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun competition.</p> <p>Sponsored by Altrusa of Battle Creek.</p>	<p>No additional application needed</p> <p>See Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award</p>