

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Good Character Youth Awards?

For years, the Fairfield-Suisun Rotary Club has worked with local high schools and PAL Center to identify students who demonstrate good character, ethical behaviors or who embody the basic [principles of Rotary](#). The application and selection process is **not** based on the students' scholastic achievements, but rather on their **good deeds** (i.e. helping younger students succeed in their studies, standing up to bullies, helping others in the community through volunteering).

Who can nominate students for this award? Students can be recommended by teachers, counselors or administrators of the Fairfield Suisun or Travis Unified School District for the honor. No self-nominations or peer nominations will be accepted.

When are the nomination forms due? Forms are due **no later than December 4th, 2026.**



Where can I obtain a nomination form? Follow this QR or

Nomination link – [2027 Good Character Youth Awards Nomination Form Survey](#)

How are the students selected for the honor?

Selection is based upon a screening and selection process conducted by Rotary Club members and representatives from NorthBay Health. The only information we have about selecting a student is from your nomination. Be sure to write detailed example(s) of how your nominee demonstrates the guiding principles of Rotary. You may nominate as many students that you feel deserve this prestigious award. ***Students who received the award in prior years are not eligible.*

What do selected students receive?

The students will be honored at a special ceremony to be held on February 24, 2027 at the Kroc Center in Suisun. Additionally, students receive certificates of recognition and a cash award from the Rotary Club and NorthBay Healthcare. Certificates are from elected officials from state and local offices such as the City of Suisun, the City of Fairfield, the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD), Travis Unifies School District (TUSD), Solano County Supervisors, the Superintendent of Schools Office, Solano County District Attorney,

Frequently Asked Questions

State Assembly, State Senate, and State Congress offices. In addition, each student receives a special cord in honor of their achievement from their school district that the student may wear at their graduation.

What are the goals of this program?

- The goal of this program is to recognize students of good character who demonstrate the [Guiding Principles](#) of Rotary regardless of their academic achievements.
- To encourage high school students to treat each other according to the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test.
- To publicize the basic principles of Rotary to high school teachers, their students, and the community at large.

Rotary's Guiding Principles:

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?