

Distinguished Award Criteria for 2008-09*

Distinguished Member

To qualify, a club member must:

- Sponsor two (2) new members.
- Attend either a midyear conference, International convention, or district convention. Equivalent meeting may be Kiwanis University, Zone or Regional Conference, or other district event.
- Participate in six (6) Kiwanis service efforts.
- Financially support the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The club president will verify those Kiwanians qualifying for Distinguished Member recognition. Distinguished Members will receive a lapel pin and recognition at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention (for 2008-09 recipients) and at the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention (for 2009-10 recipients).

Distinguished Club

To qualify, a club must excel in service, leadership education, and growth.

Service

- The Kiwanis club fulfills its responsibilities to Service Leadership Program club(s) (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior), which includes providing club leadership education to club officers - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club builds and charters a new Service Leadership Program club (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior) - **5 points maximum**
- The Kiwanis club participates in a Kiwanis-branded service project, such as Young Children: Priority One, Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club financially supports the Kiwanis International Foundation - **10 points**

Leadership Education

- The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office - **20 points (10 points per officer)**
- The Kiwanis Club ensures that all new members receive the Kiwanis International new member orientation - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club is represented at two of the following three educational opportunities: the district midyear conference (or equivalent of Kiwanis University, zone conference, regional conference), the Kiwanis International convention or the Kiwanis district convention - **10 points**

Growth

- The Kiwanis club has a net membership gain by the end of the administrative year.
 - 1 member - **10 points**
 - 2 members - **20 points**
 - 3 members - **30 points**
 - More than 5 members - **additional 10 points**
- The Kiwanis club sponsors (or co-sponsors) a new Kiwanis club - **20 points**

A Kiwanis club that accumulates at least 80 points and has properly submitted its annual report will qualify as distinguished and receive appropriate recognition acknowledging the achievement. The president of a distinguished club who also has received distinguished member recognition will receive a Distinguished President lapel pin. The secretary of a distinguished club who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Secretary lapel pin.

Distinguished Division

To qualify, the clubs of the division must have achieved distinguished recognition as follows:

- If 50% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished recognition, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Governor's Citation as a Distinguished Division.
- If 35% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished recognition, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Outstanding Leadership Citation as a Distinguished Division.

The lieutenant governor of a distinguished division who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor lapel pin.

Distinguished District

To qualify:

1. The clubs of the district must have achieved distinguished recognition as follows:
 - If 50% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished recognition, the governor and the district secretary/executive director will be awarded the International President's Citation as a Distinguished District.
 - If 35% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished recognition, the governor and the district secretary/executive director will be awarded the Outstanding Leadership Citation as a Distinguished District.

OR

2. The district achieves the official new-club building goals as follows:
 - If the district achieves its new-club building Growth Goal by the end of the administrative year, the district will be a Distinguished District and will receive appropriate recognition at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.
 - If the district achieves its new-club building Growth Goal by June 1, 2009, the district will be a Distinguished District and will receive appropriate recognition at the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville and the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.
 - If the district achieves its new-club building Stretch Goal by the end of the administrative year, the district will be a Distinguished District with Honors, and will receive appropriate recognition, including complimentary registration and lodging for the governor and spouse at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

The governor of a distinguished district who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Governor lapel pin. The district secretary/executive director of a distinguished district who also has received distinguished member recognition will receive a Distinguished District Secretary/Executive Director lapel pin.

*** This criteria will remain in place for the 2009-10 year.**