UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS

What are Foundation recognition points and how are they accumulated?

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Programs Fund or PolioPlus, or as a sponsor portion to a Foundation grant. Donors receive one Foundation recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. Contributions to the Permanent Fund are *not eligible*.

Donors can extend Foundation recognition points to others to help them become or to name them as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, or until the donor uses the points (the surviving spouse of a Major Donor may also use the points).

How do you transfer Foundation recognition points?

A minimum of 100 Foundation recognition points must be transferred at a time, and an authorizing signature is required when completing the Recognition and Transfer Request.

- Individual donors are the only ones authorized to transfer Foundation recognition points from their individual account.
- Club presidents are the only ones authorized to transfer Foundation recognition points from the club's account.
- District governors are the only ones authorized to transfer Foundation recognition points from the district account.

Foundation recognition points may not be transferred from individuals to a club or district.

Can Foundation recognition points of deceased Rotarians be transferred?

No. Foundation recognition points of deceased Rotarians expire unless the deceased is a Major Donor, in which case, the spouse/partner maintains control of the Foundation recognition points during their lifetime.

Can a business or organization become a Paul Harris Fellow?

No. Paul Harris Fellow awards are issued only to individuals. However, businesses and organizations can be recognized for contributions of US$1,000 or more with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Can someone deceased become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Yes. A donor can recognize a deceased individual by requesting a Memorial Paul Harris Fellow.

Do Foundation recognition points count toward Major Donor recognition?

No. Only cumulative personal outright contributions count toward Major Donor recognition.

What report tracks Foundation recognition points?

Through Member Access, your club and district leadership can view the **Club Recognition Summary,** which provides the recognition amount, Foundation recognition points, current Paul Harris Fellow level, and date that Paul Harris Fellow level was achieved.

Through Member Access, you can view your personal contribution history, recognition amount, and available Foundation recognition points. You can request a copy of your **Donor History Report** from the Foundation at contact.center@rotary.org.

On the Club Recognition Summary, what is the difference between recognition amount and available Foundation recognition points?

Recognition amount reflects all Paul Harris Fellow recognition an individual has accumulated through their personal contributions plus all Foundation recognition points given to the individual by other individuals, clubs, or districts. Foundation recognition points given to an individual do *not* count toward Major Donor recognition, and the maximum amount that can be shown on the Club Recognition Summary report is 9,000 (the "+" sign indicates that the actual amount exceeds the 9,000-point maximum).

Available Foundation recognition points reflects points that a donor has accumulated through personal outright giving to the Foundation. All points listed can be transferred to other individuals to help them achieve additional Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Can clubs or districts accumulate Foundation recognition points?

Yes. Clubs can view recognition points in the **Club Recognition Summary.**

District Foundation recognition points are shown in the **Donor History Report.** Districts may request the report at contact.center@rotary.org.

How can I use Foundation recognition points to increase giving to the Foundation?

Matching outright contributions with Foundation recognition points may help your club reach or even surpass its Annual Programs Fund (APF) goal, as well as achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

To determine whether your club is close to achieving 100% Paul Harris Fellow status, review the recognition amounts of all active Rotarians in the **Club Recognition Summary** who are currently listed as active club members.

To determine whether you're close to achieving your APF goal, review the **Monthly Contribution Report**.

What recognition opportunities are available with Foundation recognition points?

Paul Harris Fellow Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to anyone who contributes, outright or cumulatively (or in whose name is contributed), a gift of US$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or the World Fund, or as a sponsor portion of a Foundation grant. The recognition consists of a certificate and pin. In addition, Paul Harris Fellow medallions can be ordered at shop.rotary.org for $15 each.	
Certificate of Appreciation Occasionally, a donor contributes US$1,000 and wishes to recognize a business or organization. In these instances, since Paul Harris Fellow recognition can only be presented to individuals, a Certificate of Appreciation is given instead.	
Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is extended at subsequent US$1,000 levels ($2,000, $3,000, and so on). Recognition consists of a pin with stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount level. US$2,000 to 2,999.99 - one sapphire 3,000 to 3,999.99 - two sapphires 4,000 to 4,999.99 - three sapphires 5,000 to 5,999.99 - four sapphires 6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphires 7,000 to 7,999.99 - one ruby 8,000 to 8,999.99 - two rubies 9,000 to 9,999.99 - three rubies	