



North American Youth Exchange Network

Annual Achievement and Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation

Awards

Instructions

Purpose

The **North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) Annual Achievement Awards** recognize individual Districts participating in a variety of activities which cumulatively help create stronger programs. The **Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award** recognizes the District whose program innovations are unique, truly exceptional, transformative and have a positive impact on the Youth Exchange program in their District.

Goal

NAYEN sees these Annual Awards as a means to nurture development of and cultivate participation in Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) programs.

The criteria in this application is based on best practices and can serve as a guide in improving your district's program.

Evaluation Period

Information requested is based upon the full previous Rotary Program Year (July 1 - June 30).

Achievement Awards

The Achievement Awards are awarded at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze level based upon your application.

Dr. Abe Kuttothara District Innovation Award

The Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award recognizes and celebrates an outstanding District who contributes to the success of the Youth Exchange program in their District by helping shape the future of the program and inspiring the next generation. A District may only receive the award once every 3 years. The awards committee has the discretion to not award this recognition in any given year.

Eligibility

To be eligible for these Awards you must be current with your NAYEN dues.

Recognition Benefits

Receipt of an Achievement Award and/or the Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award is a special recognition of the great efforts by the members of the District Youth Exchange Committee and the Rotarians in the participating clubs. Such recognition provides an opportunity to share the great successes of your program and highlight the program within your District.

The benefits are:

- A personal Letter from the NAYEN President will be sent to the District Governor of each Achievement Award and the Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award recipient highlighting the recognition.
- The Achievement Award recipients and the Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award recipient will be listed on the NAYEN website, in the NAYEN newsletter, and an article submitted to the RI Youth Exchange office.
- An emblem depicting the applicable Achievement Award and the Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award will be provided to each recipient for display on their website, official correspondence, etc.

How to Apply

As you complete this form, please follow the Rotary Four-Way Test.

All narrative questions must be completed for an application to be considered.

Please answer each of the questions below for the previous Rotary exchange year and enter the appropriate number of points for each category.

If you are interested in applying for the Dr. Abe Kuttothara Innovation Award, please complete the last section of the application in addition to the Achievement Award section.

Email the completed form to Jan Bonsett-Veal to the following address: awards@nayen.org

Forms must be received no later than **December 1, 2025**.

Awards will be presented at the next annual NAYEN conference.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!