



# **ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

The information and forms that an Altrusa Club needs to participate in both District and International Awards for 2008-2009 and to submit a nomination for the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award that is given once in this 2007-2009 biennium are now available. Club Presidents are urged to review the information, which follows, and review the instructions/forms of all of the various awards in this folder before passing items on to those in your Club who will be responsible for entries.

o **The Mamie L. Bass Service Award:**

Your entry is to be sent to the person in your District who is handling the judging for 2008-2009. The winning Club entries will be announced at your 2009 District Conference. All of the entries that win first place in the Districts in both years of this biennium are sent to the International Office in Chicago, Illinois. A special committee, no less than three (3) non-Altrusans, distinguished for their volunteer and civic activities, will select a First Place Award and two (2) Honorable Mention Awards for the 2007-2009 biennium, to be presented at the Awards Banquet at the 2009 Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

o **The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award:**

Your entry is to be sent to the person in your District who is handling the judging for 2008-2009. The winning Club entries will be announced at your 2009 District Conference. All of the entries that win first place in the Districts in both years of this biennium are sent to the International Office in Chicago, Illinois. A special committee, no less than three (3) non-Altrusans distinguished for their volunteer and civic activities, will select a First Place Award and two (2) Honorable Mention Awards for the 2007-2009 biennium, to be presented at the Awards Banquet at the 2009 Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

o **The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award:**

Your entry is to be sent to the person in your District who is handling the judging for 2008-2009. The winning entries will be announced at your 2009 District Conference. All of the entries that win first place in the Districts in both years of this biennium are sent to the International Office in Chicago, Illinois. A special committee, no less than three (3) non-Altrusans distinguished for their volunteer and civic activities, will select a First Place Award and two (2) Honorable Mention Awards for the 2007-2009 biennium, to be presented at the Awards Banquet at the 2009 Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**AWARD FUNDING AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL:** The Foundation Board of Trustees unanimously approved funding the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award on the District level, in addition to the International level, which will commence with the 2008-2009 award cycle.

**See the Award Submission Address Lists of the Altrusans in each District who are to receive the Mamie L. Bass Service, Letha H. Brown Literacy and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations entries for 2008-2009. Your District has announced the deadlines for your Club's entries to be received for the District competition, with winners announced at your 2009 District Conference.**

o **The Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award:**

This is the highest individual award that International bestows. **Your Club's nomination is to be sent to the International Office in Chicago, Illinois by May 15, 2009 (year of convention).** A special Committee, appointed by the President, will select the recipient for this biennium, to be presented at the 2009 Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

o **The Community Leadership Award:**

This award is presented each year by the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. and was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments as a volunteer. Membership in Altrusa is not a factor when the panel of non-member judges selects the recipient for 2007-2008, but rather, the award is based solely on a single or continuing project that is benefiting the community, conducted by the nominee as a volunteer and not an activity related in any way to her employment. **Nominations are due by May 1, 2009 to the International Foundation Office.**

o **ASTRA Club Service Award:**

If your Altrusa Club sponsors an ASTRA Club, an entry for this annual award is a must! The rules allow an entry to be in any format that the young people select to describe the service project they believe is eligible for recognition. A first, second and third place award for outstanding service by an ASTRA Club for 2008-2009 will be presented. These awards will be presented at the 2009 Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. **Entries are due by May 31, 2009 to the International Office.**

o **The Distinguished Club Award:**

The Distinguished Club Award recognizes a Club's activity and productivity at every level of program involvement: Service, Programming, Membership, Leadership, Communication and the International Foundation. This Information will be used to judge whether a Club should receive a Distinguished Club Award.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a separate application form now available if your Club would like to be considered for the **Distinguished Club Award.** The New Distinguished Club Award applications are now available. The form is due at the Altrusa International Office by **May 31, 2009.**

**THE CLUB ACTIVITY REPORT IS NO LONGER USED TO APPLY FOR THE DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARD.**

**CLUB ACTIVITY REPORT:**

The Club Activity Report provides pertinent information by summarizing your Club's activities for the last year. It is essential that your Club submit a Club Activity Report for 2008-2009 to your District. See the Club Activity Report Submission Address List for the Altrusan in your District who is to receive your Club Activity Report by **May 31, 2009.**

## Preparing Award Entries For Your Club

- ∅ Read the sections on eligibility and entry preparation on each award your Club is considering.
- ∅ Read the information for each award that indicates how judging will be handled by your District and by International and/or the International Foundation.
- ∅ Note the deadlines and be sure all your entries and nominations are submitted by the stated deadlines. It is impossible to send "late" entries and nominations to the judges once they have begun their work.
- ∅ Be sure to pay attention to the Submission Address Lists, which indicates who in your District is to receive the entries for the Mamie L. Bass Service Award, the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award, the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award and the Club Activity Report.
- ∅ The decisions of the judges at both the District and International levels will be final. In the event that the judges conclude that no entry for nomination is worthy of an award, none will be given.