The Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award is a District Three Foundation Service Award, established by Mrs. Eva Ulrich, District Three Governor 1988-1990. At the International Convention in Dublin, Ireland in 1989, an environmental resolution was adopted. It states:

 WHEREAS, the purpose of Altrusa International is to promote community services by an international network of executives and in diversified classifications, and

 WHEREAS, the welfare of our global communities and their peoples is devised, in great measure, from the physical environment in which they exist, and

 WHEREAS, the environment is being destroyed through the excesses of the world’s human populations;

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that members of Altrusa International, promote the preservation and restoration of the physical environment throughout the world.

Eva’s husband, Dick, was an active environmentalist throughout his lifetime, as well as a strong supporter of Altrusa International and all the fine work done by our organization.

**Objectives**

* To stimulate interest in the developing action programs in the community to combat environmental issues of concern.
* To encourage members of local clubs to become personally involved with environmental service projects.
* To recognize outstanding club achievements in the area of environmental service projects.

**Eligibility**

Every District Three Altrusa Club is eligible to enter one currently sponsored environmental service project each year. **A club cannot enter this project in the Mamie L. Bass Service Award competition during the same year in which it is being submitted for this award.**

To be eligible for competition, dates during which the project was conducted must meet one of the following criteria:

* The project must be conducted in its entirety during the 12-month period ended prior to the date the entry is submitted for judging; or
* The project must be completed on or before the date the entry is submitted for judging; or
* Clubs with projects of an ongoing nature may submit for judging those major activities conducted during the 12-month period ended prior to the date the entry was submitted for judging.
* Projects that are primarily fund-raising projects or which generate funds for club use are NOT eligible.

**Application Format**

The award packet must be submitted electronically in either a Word document or as an Adobe file.

The entry is to be completed and assembled as follows:

* All entries are to be typed and double-spaced.

**The first page (cover page) should appear as follows:**

Nomination for Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.

Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award

For Calendar Year \_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club

Address

Name of Project

Prepared by: Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Title\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* The **second page** will be the Entry Form with all the required information.
* The **third page** will be the narrative describing the service project. It must not exceed 500 words and should be on one side only of plain white paper. In developing the narrative, clubs should refer to the judging criteria and the score sheet.
* The **fourth page** will be any pictures or articles you may have.
* The **fifth page** will be the Judging Score Sheet.

**Submission**

 Clubs submit entries on or before **January 31st** of each year to the person specified by the District Three Foundation Board.

**Judging Committee**

The Altrusa District Three Foundation Board serves as the Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award committee and appoints three (3) prominent members of the general public to serve as judges for the District competition.

**Judging Criteria**

The judges may disqualify any entry for violating any rule of entry.

In evaluating entries, the judges will place primary importance on the narrative. Substantiating materials will be considered only from a supplementary perspective. The amount of funds expended on an activity will not play a predominant role in selecting the award winners.

In selecting award winner, the judges will take into consideration the selection, development, implementation and evaluation of the service project. Statements are listed on the score sheet to aid judges in evaluating the components of the service project. These statements are not all-inclusive, but are intended as a guide in applying the judging criteria. The clubs can use the judging score sheet as a guideline for action, from beginning to end, of the service project.

**Winning Entries**

The names of the first-, second-, and third-place winners shall be kept secret until the awards are presented at the District Three Conference. Score sheets shall become the property of the sponsoring club. A monetary award will be presented to the first-place winner and certificates will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

The first-place winner will receive a check in the amount of the interest earned on the principle balance of the endowed account as of March 31st. This money is to be used by the Club to further their service projects.

**Entry Form**

Please type or print information. Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Altrusa International of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number of members, as of the date of entry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In **50 words or less**, describe your project in the space provided below.

On a separate sheetof paper write your narrative in **500 words or less**. Please double space. Refer to the judging score sheet for guidelines on the information to include in your narrative.

**Judging Score Sheet**

Altrusa International of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Selection of Project**

Maximum points 25 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of the method used to identify the community need and the selection of the environmental service project.

* There was a need for the project and the membership was involved in selecting the project.
* The project had an overall purpose.
* There are objectives for the project.
* There is a defined segment of the community who will benefit from the project.

**Development and implementation of Project**

10 Points each - Maximum points 50 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of the activities and efforts used to carry out the project.

* The project structure had guidelines and a timeline for implementation.
* Work assignments were defined.
* There were provisions for record keeping of the project’s progress and for keeping members informed.
* Members were directly involved in the project. (Include percentages.)
* Members contributed personal service hours to the project.

**Evaluation of Project**

Maximum points 25 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of the method(s) used to assess the project and the results.

* Objectives of the project were achieved.
* Benefits to the club were stated.
* Benefits to the community were stated.

100 Points Possible Total Points Earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_