The District Three Vocational Services Endowment, established in the 1991-92 biennium, carried forth the first tenet of the Principles of Altrusa, written by our first National President: Altrusa is a Builder of Women (and Men, as our membership has expanded).

**Purpose**

* To encourage clubs in their goals of assisting deserving persons who are struggling to break the cycle of poverty through education and training.
* To promote their advancement into top management and to improve their quality of life in a variety of ways.
* To encourage clubs to actively seek candidates for this assistance.
* To encourage clubs to develop innovative approaches to helping candidates in the true spirit of altruism.

**Eligibility**

Each club in District Three is eligible each year to enter its annual Vocational Services project, outlining its goals and activities for the calendar year just ended.

Some persons require on-going assistance. In this event, submit information to date for the 12-month period.

**Entries**

The award packet must be submitted electronically in either a Word document or as a PDF file. Please follow all requirements for the award submission. Failure to do so will disqualify the entry.

The entry is to be completed and assembled in the following manner:

The first page should appear as follows:

Nomination for Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.

Vocational Services Award

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

Name of Club

Address

Name of Project

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 be 500 words or less and double-spaced. 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 Criteria and Score Sheet.
* Clubs submit entries on or before **January 31st** of each year to the person specified by the Altrusa District Three Foundation Trustees.
* Award entries that substantially deviate from the set criteria will not be judged.

**Award**

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.

First-, second-, and third-place winners will each receive award certificates.

**NOTE:** Please type or print your information.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Date |  |
| Title of Project |  |
| Submitted by Altrusa International of |  |
| Club President |  |
| Address |  |
|  |  |
| Number of members, as of the date of entry |  |

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

Provide a narrative in **500 words or less**. Please double space. Refer to the judging score sheet for guidelines on the information to include in the narrative.

Judging Criteria and Score Sheet

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

1. Explain procedure used to screen and select recipient. Be explicit in how you identified needs. Did you work with another agency? Show criteria used for selection.

Maximum points 20 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe what assistance your club gave. What resources were needed and used? How were club members involved? How was the club informed of progress? How much financial assistance did the club provide? How many volunteer hours by members? How will award money be used to further this project?

Maximum points 40 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe results achieved. How were recipients helped? Were their family members also helped?

Maximum points 30 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Does the entry follow the presentation guidelines and provide the requested information?

Maximum points 10 Points earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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