**Aktion Club contests and awards**

Contest and award information has been divided into two categories: for individual club members and for the entire club. A description, criteria checklist and entry form are included for each contest or award.

The list below includes a description of the items required for entry into each contest/award competition. Visit [aktionclub.org](http://aktionclub.org) to find the current year’s contest theme.

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### Important information

- Contest/award entries should be submitted to the district administrator by the date specified by the district or no later than **September 15**.
- The District Committee of Aktion Club judges all entries. The district administrator forwards district winners to Kiwanis International for international judging by **September 30**.
- All entries, except scrapbook entries, become the property of Kiwanis International. Scrapbooks will be returned to the individual indicated on the Scrapbook Information Sheet (adhered to the inside cover of the scrapbook entry).
- Signatures on the contest entry form grant permission for Kiwanis International to promote and publicize submitted materials in Kiwanis-family publications and websites.
Aktion Club Speech Contest

Theme: Visit aktionclub.org to find the annual Speech Contest theme, or contact Kiwanis International at 1-800-KIWANIS or aktionclub@kiwanis.org.

Contest rules
- The speech must follow the designated theme and must be completely developed by the participant.
- A written presentation must be submitted with the video presentation. The speech must be submitted in DVD format.
- The speaker must be filmed delivering his or her speech before a Kiwanis family group.
- Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of **four (4) minutes** for his or her presentation.
- Each speaker must be a member of an Aktion Club in good standing.
- The winning speaker from each Kiwanis district will be eligible for the international speech contest.
- The decision of the judges is final, and no changes or alterations will take place after the judges have certified the results.
- Contest materials must be submitted to the district administrator no later than September 15.

Presentation of recognition
- District Speech Contest winners should plan on presenting the winning speech before a group at a Kiwanis function—preferably the Kiwanis district convention.
- The first-, second- and third-place Aktion Club Speech Contest winners will receive a trophy and certificate from Kiwanis International. Ideally, the first place winner should receive their trophy during a presentation at a Kiwanis function.
Aktion Club Speech Contest judging criteria

Name: ___________________________
District: __________________________

Description:
Clarity of message: Projection of idea (20 points maximum)
   _____ Is there a main idea and is it well stated and developed?

Originality (10 points maximum)
   _____ Has the speaker made this topic personal?

Organization (20 points maximum)
   _____ Is the presentation well organized?
   _____ Does it have an attention-getting introduction?
   _____ Is there a good summary and conclusion?

Depth (15 points maximum)
   _____ Is there depth of thought and feeling to the material?
   _____ Has the writer researched the material?

Grammar Choice (10 points maximum)
   _____ Are there any glaring grammatical errors?
   _____ Is there good sentence structure and proper use of grammar?
   _____ Has the speaker chosen the vocabulary well, avoiding slang?

Delivery:
Posture: Composure and gestures (10 points maximum)
   _____ Does the speaker command the attention of the audience?
   _____ Are the gestures well defined?

Voice: Tone and effectiveness/pronunciation (10 points maximum)
   _____ Is the speaker’s voice strong? Does it carry well?
   _____ Does the speaker vary the rate of speaking, tone, volume and pitch?
   _____ Were there any errors in pronunciation?

Audience attention (5 points maximum)
   _____ Did the speech catch and hold your attention?
Aktion Club Speech Contest entry form

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME: ____________________________________________
Aktion Club Name: ___________________________________________________________________
District Name: _____________________________________________________________________
AC Charter Number: __________________________________________________________________

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: _______________________________________________________________
Home Address: _____________________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: __________________________________________________________________
Phone/email: _____________________________________________________________________

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: _____________________________________________________________
KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: ___________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________ City/State/Postal Code: __________________________
Phone/email: _____________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURES
(Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on the KI websites and in KI publications.)

Participant/Aktion Club member signature: _____________________________________________
Club advisor signature: _______________________________________________________________
Kiwanis advisor signature: ___________________________________________________________
District administrator signature/Kiwanis District: __________________________________________

The following items must be submitted with the contest entry:

___ Written copy of presentation  ___ DVD of presentation

Mail to your district administrator no later than September 15
Late entries will not be eligible.
**Aktion Club Poster Contest**

**Theme:** Visit [aktionclub.org](http://aktionclub.org) to find the annual Poster Contest theme, or contact Kiwanis International at 1-800-KIWANIS or [aktionclub@kiwanis.org](mailto:aktionclub@kiwanis.org).

**Contest rules**
- Aktion Club members wishing to participate in this contest should create a poster illustrating the designated theme, which is posted on the Aktion Club website. Posters should be created on an 8½ x 11 inch size sheet of paper, cardstock or poster board.
- Markers, paints, colored pencils or crayons are excellent materials to use.
- Write the following information on the back of the poster board: name of individual submitting the poster, Aktion Club name, Kiwanis advisor contact information and date.
- The completed Aktion Club poster must be mailed to the Aktion Club district administrator. A list of Aktion Club district administrators is available at aktionclub.org.
- The winning poster entry from each organized Kiwanis district will be eligible for the International Poster Contest.
- Each Aktion Club member submitting an entry must be a member in good standing with his or her club, and his or her name must be listed on the club’s roster and on file at the international office.

**Presentation of recognition**
- The district poster contest winners should receive a personalized certificate in recognition of their entry. The posters should be displayed at a Kiwanis function—preferably the Kiwanis district convention—at which time the certificates should be presented. If it is not possible to present the certificate during a Kiwanis function, the certificates should be presented at an Aktion Club meeting.
- The first-, second- and third-place Aktion Club Poster Contest winners will receive a medal and certificate from Kiwanis International. Ideally, the first place winner should receive his or her medal during a presentation at a Kiwanis function.
Aktion Club Poster Contest judging criteria

Name: ___________________________
District: _________________________

Description:

_____ Does the poster illustrate the designated contest theme? (50 points maximum)

_____ Does the poster make a statement with color and texture? (30 points maximum)

_____ Is the poster the correct size? (10 points)

_____ Is the necessary information written on the back of the poster? (10 points)

CHECKLIST

The following items must be submitted with the contest entry:

_____ Poster

_____ Completed and signed entry form (see following page)
Aktion Club Poster Contest entry form

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME: ____________________________________________

Aktion Club Name: _________________________________________________________________

District Name: ________________________________________________________________

AC Charter Number: _______________________

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: _____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: _____________________________________________________________

Phone/email: ___________________________________________________________________

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: _____________________________________________________________

KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: ________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: _____________________________________________________________

Phone/email: _____________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURES:

(Signatures grant permission to promote contest-winning entries on Kiwanis-family websites and publications.)

Participant/Aktion Club member signature: ________________________________

Club advisor signature: _________________________________________________________

Kiwanis advisor signature: ________________________________________________________

District administrator signature/Kiwanis district: ________________________________

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**Aktion Club T-shirt Contest**

**Theme:** Visit [aktionclub.org](http://aktionclub.org) to find the annual T-shirt Contest theme, or contact Kiwanis International at 1-800-KIWANIS or [aktionclub@kiwanis.org](mailto:aktionclub@kiwanis.org).

**Contest rules**

- Promote Aktion Club. No district, division or club names or mascots.
- Use no more than three colors.
- Design must be submitted as a high-resolution file via email. All formats are acceptable. Include the following information: name of individual submitting the design, Aktion Club name, Kiwanis advisor contact information and date.
- All images should be copyright-free. Please create your own imagery or find copyright-free materials. For ideas on copyright-free materials, check out search.creativecommons.org. (Some material from Creative Commons can be used, but only if you attribute it to the original creator.)
- All submissions become the property of Kiwanis International. Submissions may be uploaded by Kiwanis staff to social networking sites and used during events.
- Write the following information on the back of the poster board: name of individual submitting the poster, Aktion Club name, Kiwanis advisor contact information and date.
- The completed design must be emailed to the Aktion Club district administrator for district judging. A list of Aktion Club district administrators is available at aktionclub.org.
- The winning entry from each organized Kiwanis district will be eligible for the International T-shirt Contest.
- Each Aktion Club member submitting an entry must be a member in good standing with his or her club, and his or her name must be listed on the club’s roster and on file at the international office.
- The international t-shirt contest winning design will be screen-printed on the back of a white T-shirt and will be available for sale at the Aktion Club store for one year.

**Presentation of recognition**

- The district t-shirt contest winners should receive a personalized certificate in recognition of their entry. The t-shirt designs should be displayed at a Kiwanis function—preferably the Kiwanis district convention—at which time the certificates should be presented. If it is not possible to present the certificate during a Kiwanis function, the certificates should be presented at an Aktion Club meeting.
- The overall first-, second- and third-place Aktion Club T-shirt Contest winners will receive a medal and certificate from Kiwanis International. Ideally, the first place winner should receive their medal during a presentation at a Kiwanis function.
Aktion Club T-shirt Contest judging criteria

Name: ___________________________
District: __________________________

Description:
____ Does the t-shirt illustrate the designated contest theme? (25 points maximum)
____ Does the t-shirt promote Aktion Club, with no reference to district, division, club names or mascots? (25 points maximum)
____ Does the t-shirt design use no more than 3 colors? (20 points)
____ Is the design copyright-free? (20 points)
____ Is the necessary information included with the submission (10 points)

CHECKLIST

The following items must be submitted with the contest entry:
____ Artwork for t-shirt
____ Completed and signed entry form (see following page)
Aktion Club T-shirt Contest entry form

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME: ________________________________

Aktion Club Name: ________________________________

District Name: ________________________________

AC Charter Number: __________________

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: ________________________________

Phone/email: _______________________________________

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: ________________________________

KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: ________________________________

Phone/email: _______________________________________

SIGNATURES:

(Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on Kiwanis-family websites and publications.)

Participant/Aktion Club member signature: ________________________________

Club advisor signature: ________________________________

Kiwanis advisor signature: ________________________________

District administrator signature/Kiwanis district: ________________________________
Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest

Theme: Visit aktionclub.org to find the annual Scrapbook Contest theme or contact Kiwanis International at 1-800-KIWANIS or aktionclub@kiwanis.org.

Contest rules
- Each Aktion Club may enter a scrapbook containing pictures, souvenirs, examples, newspaper clippings, etc., of its activities throughout the current year.
- The scrapbook should be created and completed by Aktion Club members.
- Each scrapbook must be submitted to the district administrator. Please visit aktionclub.org to find entry submission deadlines.
- The scrapbook must be divided into the following sections:
  - Service to agency
  - Service to community
  - Fundraising projects
  - Assistance to Kiwanis family projects
  - Miscellaneous
- Each category must be tabbed accordingly.
- Entries may be submitted in a standard three-ring binder notebook, a scrapbook or a homemade scrapbook. As long as a cover is holding together the contents of the book, the entry will be accepted for judging.
- There are no size limitations. However, a large scrapbook is sometimes more difficult to take from place to place. When creating your scrapbook, think about all the ways the club might use the book and design it with this in mind.
- A completed scrapbook information sheet must be affixed to the inside front cover of the scrapbook.
- The district administrator will submit the first-place district winner to Kiwanis International.
- District contest winners’ scrapbooks may be kept and displayed at the Aktion Club exhibit booth during the conventions.
- District winners’ scrapbooks may also be photographed and displayed on the website.

PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION
- The district scrapbook winners should receive a personalized certificate in recognition of their entry. The scrapbooks should be displayed at a Kiwanis function—preferably the Kiwanis district convention—at which time the certificates should be presented. If it is not possible to present the certificate during a Kiwanis function, the certificates should be presented at an Aktion Club meeting.
- The overall first-, second- and third-place Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest winners will receive a trophy and certificate from Kiwanis International. Ideally, the first place winner should receive their medal during a presentation at a Kiwanis function.

Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest judging criteria

Name: __________________________
District: _________________________

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Cover 10 points maximum
Interior artwork 10 points maximum
Photographs 10 points maximum
General content 10 points maximum
Inclusion of published articles 15 points maximum
Uniqueness of project presentation 20 points maximum
(Creative content, use of fun lettering, decorative background paper, photos cut into shapes)
Inclusion of Scrapbook Information Sheet 5 points maximum

Are sample projects included in each of the following sections?
Service to the agency (if applicable) 5 points maximum
Service to community 5 points maximum
Fundraising projects 5 points maximum
Assistance to Kiwanis family projects 5 points maximum

The following items must be submitted with this contest entry:

Scrapbook
Scrapbook information sheet adhered to inside cover
Completed and signed entry form
Scrapbook Information Sheet (Attach to the inside cover of the scrapbook)

Aktion Club name: __________________________________________________________

Aktion Club district: _______________________________________________________

Name of club contact person: ______________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________________________________

State/Province/Postal Code: _________________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________________________________________

Email address: _____________________________________________________________

Mail the scrapbook to the following address after international judging and presentation:

___________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________
Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest entry form

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME: ____________________________________________

Aktion Club Name: ________________________________________________________________
District Name: ________________________________________________________________
AC Charter Number: ____________________________

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: __________________________________________________________
Phone/email: ___________________________________________________________________

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: __________________________________________________________
KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: _________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City/State/Postal Code: __________________________________________________________
Phone/email: ___________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURES:
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Club president signature: _________________________________________________________
Club secretary signature: _________________________________________________________
Club advisor signature: _________________________________________________________
Kiwanis advisor signature: _______________________________________________________
District administrator signature/Kiwanis district: __________________________________

Submit to district administrator no later than September 15.
Late entries will not be eligible.
**Aktion Club Single Service Project Contest**

**Theme:** Visit [aktionclub.org](http://aktionclub.org) to find the annual Single Service Contest theme, or contact Kiwanis International at 1-800-KIWANIS or [aktionclub@kiwanis.org](mailto:aktionclub@kiwanis.org).

**Rules**

- To qualify, the Aktion Club must be in good standing.
- A qualifying club single service project is defined as a club service project planned, organized and produced by the Aktion Club.
- The project must have occurred on a single day or consecutive days, or must recur on multiple days. Recurring projects must be repeated for the purpose of achieving the same service goal.
- Only activities conducted during the current year can be submitted.
- Photos and newspaper clips can be used to help explain the club’s project.
- Entries should be submitted on the provided entry form.
- Entries are judged by the following criteria:
  - Service need (10 points)
  - Project plan (20 points)
  - Project implementation (20 points)
  - Final results (25 points)
  - Public awareness (10 points)
  - Member impact (10 points)
  - Additional information (5 points)
- Entries should be forwarded to the district administrator. The District Committee of Aktion Club will select first-, second-, and third-place district winners. Only first-place district winners will be forwarded to Kiwanis International.
- Any entry may be disqualified for reporting incorrect or false information.

**Presentation of recognition**

- The district Single Service Project contest winners should receive a personalized certificate in recognition of their entry. The Single Service Project contest-winning contest entries should be displayed at a Kiwanis function—preferably the Kiwanis district convention—at which time the certificates should be presented. If it is not possible to present the certificates during a Kiwanis function, the certificates should be presented at an Aktion Club meeting.
- The overall first-, second- and third-place Aktion Club Single Service Contest winners will receive a trophy and certificate from Kiwanis International. Ideally, the first-place winner should receive their medal during a presentation at a Kiwanis function.
Club Single Service Project Contest judging criteria

Name: ___________________________
District: ________________________

___ Service need (10 points)
   1 paragraph — Explain how you discovered the need your project is addressing.
   1 paragraph — Explain the actual need the project is addressing.

___ Project plan (20 points)
   1 paragraph — Explain the planning process. Was a committee formed?
   Did club members meet and develop the plan together?

___ Project implementation (20 points)
   1 paragraph — Explain how club members implemented the plan.
   What was done during every day of the project?
   Photographs taken at the time of the project should be displayed to share information
   about implementation of the project.

___ Final results (25 points)
   1 paragraph — What impact was made as a result of conducting this project?
   Who was helped? What was improved?

___ Public awareness (10 points)
   1 paragraph — What did the club do to inform the community and Kiwanis family
   about the project? Were community members or Kiwanis family members invited to participate?
   Newspaper clippings may be displayed to share press coverage.

___ Member impact (10 points)
   1 paragraph — What did members learn as a result of participating in this project?
   Explain how perceptions about self and others were changed.

___ Additional information (5 points)
   1 paragraph — Share any additional information you feel is important to educating others
   about the club’s single service project.

The following items must be submitted with this contest entry:

___ Completed and signed entry form

___ Separate sheets with project descriptions. Please submit in legible handwriting or as a digital
   document.

___ If photographs are included, a description posted under or to the side of the photo.
Club Single Service Project entry form

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME: ________________________________________

Aktion Club Name: ________________________________________________________________

District Name: _________________________________________________________________

AC Charter Number: _____________________________________________________________

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: ____________________________________________________________

Phone/email: ___________________________________________________________________

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: __________________________________________________________________

KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: _________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Postal Code: ____________________________________________________________

Phone/email: ___________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURES:
(Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on Kiwanis-family websites and publications.)

Club president signature: _________________________________________________________

Club secretary signature: _________________________________________________________

Club advisor signature: _________________________________________________________

Kiwanis advisor signature: _______________________________________________________

District administrator signature/Kiwanis district: ________________________________

Submit to district administrator no later than September 15.
Late entries will not be eligible.