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The Origins of the Paul Harris Fellow

The Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition was established in 1957 by The Rotary Foundation to honor individuals who contribute, or have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation.

Named after Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, the PHF quickly became a symbol of commitment to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs.

Initially, it aimed to encourage Rotarians to support the Foundation financially.

Over time, clubs also began using the PHF to recognize outstanding service, leadership, or dedication to Rotary ideals, even among non-Rotarians.

Recipients receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and often a medallion.

Multiple contributions are marked with sapphire or ruby stones on the pin.

Today, millions of Paul Harris Fellowships have been awarded worldwide, making it one of the most recognized honors in Rotary.

It reflects both the donor's generosity and the recipient's alignment with Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self."

