

Ruritan National Foundation

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Looking to the New Year

We hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas. We are sure your Ruritan club had a successful year serving your community. Your 2018 Ruritan National Foundation Trustees would like to thank you for your support in 2018 and are looking forward to your continued support. As you start your 2019 Ruritan Club calendar, be sure to include Foundation activities in your plans.

Build Your Dollar

If your club participated in the Build Your Dollar program, you can start selecting your candidate for your scholarship. You need to fill out the [Build Your Dollar claim form](#). This must be mailed, faxed, or emailed to Ruritan National by June 30. Your club can also mail the \$300 deposit to participate in the Build Your Dollar program for the 2019–20 cycle by submitting the check and [Build Your Dollar deposit form](#) anytime between now and October 1, 2019. Doing so will ensure your club will receive a Build Your Dollar scholarship in 2020.

Start or Build a Foundation Fund

Your club could also start or continue building a permanent fund. A RNF permanent fund is defined as \$1,000 donated in an individual's, club's, or district's name. These monies can be donated all at once or over a period of time. Establishing a permanent fund will ensure that the named individual, club, or district will be remembered in the Foundation forever. When starting a new fund, you will need to fill out a [Permanent Fund Opening form](#). To

donate to an established fund you will need to fill out the [Permanent Fund Additional Donation form](#).



One way you can start or increase your club's permanent fund is by participating in the RNF Birthday Program. This program offers your club the opportunity to get a plaque or certificate recognizing your donation. Donating \$2 per active member earns a certificate, while \$10 per active member earns a plaque. This program operates on our fiscal year, October 1 – September 30. If your club would like to receive an award at their 2019 District Convention, the donation needs to be received at the National Office by September 30, 2019. As with the other programs, there is a form on our website called [Birthday Club Fund Donation form](#) that must accompany your check.

Tom Downing Fellow Awards

It's never too early to plan on honoring one of your members with a Tom Downing Fellow Award. This is the highest award a Ruritan can receive. There is no deadline for the \$500 donation—give one at any time. Some

districts even have funds set aside to match monies to give Tom Downing Fellow Awards. And—you guessed it—there is a [form to complete](#) for a Tom Downing Fellow Award.

As you noticed, there are forms for all donations to the Foundation. This helps the Foundation keep track of all donations and accurately apply them. There have been times we receive a check without any explanation, and you can imagine the administrative problems that creates. By submitting a form with all donations, we can work together to make the Foundation even more efficient.



Birthday Club

Remember to encourage your club to be a part of the [Birthday Club](#)! Join [these clubs](#) in donating \$10 per active member to receive a recognition plaque to display proudly.

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