



CNH | KEY CLUB

Most Improved Club Contest

SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Contact your Division Lt. Governor

E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

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Subject: Most Improved Club Contest

Body Text: State your full name (First, Last), Region (R##), Division (D##), Club full name and club number (H#####)

CC: Copy yourself and advisor

shall be determined by your division number

The Most Improved Club contest is a District contest judged on the Division level. Eligible applicants must complete the application, as explained in the guidelines, and submit it to their respective Division Lieutenant Governors for judging at the Division level. One contest winner will be selected from each Division. At District Convention 2019, each Most Improved Club winner will be announced.

1. Read the Most Improved Club contest guidelines.
2. Complete and compile an E-Portfolio. The E-Portfolio must include the "Most Improved Club Contest Entry Form," entry essay, and supplementary material.
3. E-Portfolios must be submitted to your Division Lieutenant Governor. Please contact your LTG for more information on the submission deadline.

MOST IMPROVED CLUB GUIDELINES

RULES GOVERNING THE CNH KEY CLUB MOST IMPROVED CLUB AWARD

The Most Improved Club Award shall provide recognition Key Clubs that have demonstrated the greatest improvement during the district administrative year. The CNH Key Club Most Improved Club contest will be conducted according to the following rules:

- (1) Key Clubs that were awarded in the following areas at the previous District Convention are **NOT** eligible for this competition: *Distinguished Club, Most Improved Club, Single Service, or Year-In-Review.*
- (2) **E-SIGNATURES:** This application requires electronic signatures (e-signatures) by the applicant and the faculty or Kiwanis advisor. E-Signatures for this application are defined as names and contact information provided into the form. E-Signatures represent the fact that the individuals listed have approved the application and supporting documentation. These individuals may be contacted for further verification. Please do not use digital signatures.
- (3) **E-PORTFOLIO: Sending an E-Portfolio will be the final part of your submission.** An E-Portfolio for this application is defined as one collective portfolio presenting the best pieces of documentation. This E-Portfolio should be a single PDF that includes all merged information.
- (4) **SMALL FILE SIZES:** Application submissions should have a small file size. The following are tips to adhering to this rule:
 - Include only the best samples of documentation
 - Compress all photos and files before use
 - Compress the final file
- (5) Suitable awards will be presented.
- (6) The decisions of the judges are final. No changes or re-judging will take place after the judges and the Member Recognition Chair have certified the results.
- (7) An appropriate contest application report requires the submission of the necessary supporting documentation. The report may showcase the applicant's activities and accomplishments spanning the single, district administrative year of Key Club membership.
 - The entire submission needs to be given in one E-Portfolio.
- (8) File may not exceed 10MB.
 - Save as a PDF. Label the file **Most Improved Club_ClubName**
 - Submit the E-Portfolio electronically to your Division Lieutenant Governor
- (9) **DUES-PAID:** In order to be eligible to apply for this contest, your club must be a dues-paid by December 1st.

CNH District Member Recognition Committee
Questions, Comments, Concerns

Annaleigh Nguyen | Member Recognition Chair | cnhkc.mr@gmail.com

MOST IMPROVED CLUB RUBRIC

Applicants will use the Most Improved Club Contest Entry Form and must submit it to their Division Lieutenant Governor for judging at the Division level. The following are specific sections identified in the Most Improved Club application:

1. **Administrative Information | (5 pts max)**
 - a. Complete this section with all requested information.
2. **Most Improved Club Checklist | (10 pts)**
 - a. The checklist must be completed as thoroughly as possible with all the necessary E-Signatures and contact information.
3. **Community Service Projects | (15 pts max)**
 - a. List up to forty of the best continuous activities rendered to the club's school and community. Complete all statistical information requested on the form.
4. **Fundraising Activities | (10 pts max)**
 - a. List up to ten of the most profitable fundraisers. Complete all statistical information requested on the form. Any activities in this section may not be included or repeated in any other section.
5. **Club Improvement Program | (10 pts max)**
 - a. List up to ten new ideas that the club carried out to improve club operations.
6. **Essay | (30 pts max)**
 - a. In essay form, please describe with detail how your club has improved over the course of the year. Please state the exact condition of the club at the beginning of the year and compare it to the club in its present state. You can also add photos, clippings and other pertinent material.
7. **Graphic Standards | (10 pts max)**
 - a. Your E-Portfolio will be judged on sections 1 through 10. As a whole, it must demonstrate your knowledge of **Graphic Standards**. The proper and accurate demonstration of Graphic Standards is worth
8. **File Size | (5 pts max)**
 - a. If the E-Portfolio **file size** is less than or equal to 10 MB and 54 pages, it will earn **5 points**.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Under Submission Deadline, what does “CC yourself” mean?

When composing the email, on the right side of the “To” box, there will BCC and CC; push the CC and type in your email, that way you will send a carbon copy to yourself.



2. How do I do an E-signature?

In order to put someone’s name down as an E-signature, you must ask their permission first and they will verify everything. Once they have approved your usage of their E-signature, then you may type their name in the line provided.

3. Who can apply for this award?

Anyone is eligible to apply for this award. As a Key Clubber, you are a member, no matter what elected or appointed position you hold. If you do hold an elected or appointed position, such as president, you may not sign off on your own sheet.

4. How do I compress my PDF files/pictures?

To compress photos, you can find various websites online. One recommended web site is <http://jpeg-optimizer.com/>. This will easily compress your photos to make the overall file size easier. Keep in mind that a “JPEG” photo is already small enough and would not need any compression. To compress a PDF file, you can use this website: <http://smallpdf.com/>.

5. How would I go about creating my E-portfolio?

Create your E-portfolio pages on “Microsoft Word” or “Microsoft Publisher” Once your E-portfolio is all complete on a Word DOC., use a PDF file converter online to transform your Word Doc E-Portfolio to a PDF E-Portfolio. You can use this website to do so: <http://www.freepdfconvert.com/>

6. Why is there no set due date?

This is a division-judged contest, so your Division Lieutenant Governor is responsible for coordinating and announcing respective due dates. Different divisions may have different deadlines, so please contact your LTG for more information as soon as possible.

7. Why do I email a District contest to my Lt. Governor?

This contest is judged at the Divisional level by your Lt. Governor, and then one finalist from each division is submitted to advance to District.

8. What if I would like to revise my contest submission, but have already submitted the file?

Remember to look over your submission very carefully before E-Mailing it out to the archive. No revisions may be made after it has been submitted. Please remember and consider, that following the Most Improved Club Contest guidelines, once the decision of the judges and MR Chair has been made final, absolutely NO changes, alterations, or re-judging can be made.

ENTRY FORM

DIVISION JUDGED

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION ON THIS FORM AND PROVIDE WITH THE SUBMISSION.

CLUB INFORMATION

Key Club: _____
 District: California-Nevada-Hawaii Division: : _____ Region: _____ Club #: _____

NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Key Club President _____ Key Club Secretary _____
 Key Club Member Contact Name: _____
 Contact E-mail: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Date District/International Dues Were Paid (MM/DD/YYYY)	Club Membership		Annual Achievement Score		% of Members Attending District Convention	
	As of November 1	As of February 1	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year
MONEY FUNDRAISED FOR CLUB*	MONEY FUNDRAISED FOR SERVICE*		TOTAL SERVICE HOURS*		*over past district administrative year	

CHECKLIST *Note: Clubs do not have to check off everything on the checklist to be eligible to apply.*

INITIALS	ITEMS AND REQUIREMENTS
<i>Club Standards</i>	
	Dues: Paid dues by December 1
	Elections: Held club elections in February as outlined in the Key Club guidebook
	Annual Achievement Score: Increased Annual Achievement Score by at least 20 points and 30%
	Increased Membership: Increased membership by at least 50%
<i>Attendance</i>	
	Club Meetings: Hosted at least twenty (20) club meetings over the past year
	Board Meetings: Hosted at least one executive board meeting per month over the past year
	Division Council Meetings: Sent at least one club representative to every Division Council Meeting the past year
	Kiwanis Participation: Participated in at least one Kiwanis-hosted project every month
	District Convention: Increased % of members attending District Convention by at least 50%
	Training Conference: Sent at least 50% of club officers and 10% of club membership to the Officer Training Conference or the Region Training Conference

CERTIFICATION OF ORIGINALITY

This certifies that we, the undersigned, verify the completion of the aforementioned requirements by the individual named on this application. All appropriate criterions have been identified on this form.

Identified requirements must be met in order to be eligible for this recognition. It is also understood that the decisions of the judges are final and no changes, alteration or re-judging will take place after the judges and the Member Recognition Chair have certified the results. NOTE: All names, initials and contact information are ONLY required if used as verification. REMEMBER: There must be at least 2 out of 4 people verifying task completion. Signatures from the school representative and the Kiwanis club representative may not be by the same person.

You may only include those who are verifying completion of the checklist items.

INITIALS	POSITION	E-SIGNATURE	E-MAIL	PHONE W/ AREA CODE
	Faculty Advisor			
	Kiwanis Advisor			
	Key Club Lt. Governor			
	Kiwanis Lt. Governor			

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS *ADDITIONAL ROWS (UP TO 40) MAY BE ADDED USING THE TAB KEY

Project/Event	Date	#of Members	Total Hrs.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

FUNDRAISING

Project/Event	Date	#of Members	Net Profits
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Action Plan)

Goal	Action	Result
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Please attach the following:

ONE (1) ESSAY

Describe how your club has improved over the course of the year. Compare the status and conditions of your club today to the status of your club in the beginning of the term. You may include supplementary materials such as photos, article, clippings, meeting minutes and other pertinent material. The essay may not exceed 4 pages.