

The Robert P. Connelly Medal

NOMINATION FORM



The Robert P. Connelly Medal...

"In honor of the courageous assumption of individual responsibility by a person who might as well have passed along his way."

To qualify for the Robert P. Connelly Medal, a person must:

1. Actually risk physical harm or death by accepting self-imposed personal responsibility in the effort to save the life of another human being "when he might just as well pass along the way." (Nominee need not be a Kiwanian.)
2. Have no official responsibility for the rescue effort. A public safety officer, firefighter, guard, etc., who attempts to rescue a person on the normal performance of his duty is not eligible for the Connelly Medal. (Such persons are eligible if they perform beyond/outside the call of duty.) It is the discretion of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees to decide what characteristics qualify an individual for the Robert P. Connelly Medal.
3. Perform the act of heroism in a civilian context. Acts of heroism by members of the armed forces carrying out their duties do not fall within the scope of the Connelly Medal. However, a military person on leave voluntarily risking his life or health in attempt to save a person from death would qualify for the Connelly Medal.
4. Not be closely related to the person involved in the rescue effort. The risk of life or health for a member of the family does not fall within the scope of the Connelly Medal.
5. Be nominated by a Kiwanis club within five years of incident.

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee(s): _____

State/Province: _____ Gender(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Please include newspaper clippings, statements, pictures, etc. for record keeping and publicity purposes to be used by the Kiwanis International Foundation. (Actual photographic prints or slides or electronic jpg/tif images with 300 dpi or better are preferred.)

- Briefly describe the act for which nomination is made. (A summary statement appears on facing page.)

- Please describe any other people involved and their role. If none, please indicate.

- Location and act of heroism:

- Date and time of act:

- Summary statement: (a detailed account of the act of heroism)

- Why should the nominee qualify for a Connelly Medal?

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Application approved: _____

Comments: _____

Request denied: _____

Comments: _____

Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle, Illinois, lost his life September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a disabled woman who had fallen in the path of an on rushing passenger train. Both were killed. When the Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was announced during the 52nd annual Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967), the statement was made, "...by his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase 'personal involvement.' This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be."

The medal is awarded to a person, either a Kiwanian or non-Kiwanian, who actually risks physical harm or death by accepting personal responsibility when he/she might just pass along his/her way.

Kiwanis clubs nominate individuals for the Connelly Medal. Though nominees may be non-Kiwanians, Kiwanis clubs should make all nominations. They should be directed to the Kiwanis International Foundation for referral to the Foundation Board of Trustees. The Board will have final authority to accept or reject nominations.

The decision to grant the medal is the responsibility of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees. It has all possible latitude in making its decisions so the spirit of the award – "Dramatizing the courageous assumption of individual responsibility and honoring the person involved" – can always be served.

A member or past member of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board or a district governor should make the presentation. For prestige and publicity purposes, the medal should be presented at a district convention or other such function.

PLEASE PRINT

Nominating Kiwanis club

Key number

Nominating Kiwanian

President of nominating Kiwanis club

Address

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Date

Date

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