

Chapter 15

Awards

Activity Awards

100% Leo Club President

A Leo club president who meets specific requirements during his/her year in office is awarded this certificate by the Leo club advisor with the approval of the sponsoring Lions club president. Award criteria categories include leadership development, membership extension, administration, and Leo club activities.

100% Leo District/Multiple District President

With the approval of the district governor or council chairperson, the district/multiple district Leo club chairperson presents this award on behalf of the association to a Leo district/multiple district president who meets specific criteria in the areas of leadership development, membership extension, administration and district/multiple district Leo activities. The award criteria and certificate will be mailed to the district/multiple Leo club chairperson.

Club Excellence in Effort

Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the one Lions club that has been most active in sight activities within the district during that year.

Club Twinning Recognition

The Twinning Program is a reciprocal correspondence and exchange program between clubs of different countries. A Twinning Recognition certificate or patch is awarded to a Lions or Leo club that actively participates in this program.

District/Multiple Diabetes Awareness Chairperson

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the district chairperson for achievement in fulfilling the requirements of the position.

District Environment Chairperson

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the district chairperson for achievement in fulfilling the requirements of the position.

District Hearing Chairperson

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor and council chairperson for presentation to the district and multiple district chairperson for achievement in fulfilling the requirements of the position.

District/Multiple District Leo Club Chairperson Achievement

The award is presented by the district governor or council chairperson on behalf of the association to a district/multiple district Leo club chairperson who meets specific criteria in the areas of extension, leadership development, district/multiple district Leo activities, administration, and promotion. The district award criteria and certificate are provided in the district governor packet distributed at the Lions international convention. The multiple district awards are mailed to the council chairperson.

District/Multiple District Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson Recognition

The district governor or council chairperson presents this certificate to outstanding Lions Opportunities for Youth chairpersons who promote and maintain youth activities in their district or multiple district. The award criteria and certificate are provided in the district governor packet distributed at the Lions international convention. The multiple district awards are mailed to the council chairperson in November.

District/Multiple District Sight Chairperson

An appropriate award shall be provided annually to the district governor and council chairperson for presentation to the district and multiple district chairperson for achievement in fulfilling the requirements of the position.

Leo Club Advisor Five-Year Service

Leo club advisors who successfully complete five years of dedicated service are eligible to receive a special lapel pin and certificate from the sponsoring Lions club president. Award recipients appear on a list posted on the association's Web site, in the Leo Zone section, under Awards and Recognition.

Leo Club Advisor Outstanding Service

This award recognizes Leo club advisors who have demonstrated outstanding service in guiding and developing a Leo club. Leo club advisors who meet specific requirements are awarded this certificate by the sponsoring Lions club president.

Leo Club Anniversary and Leo Club Sponsorship Anniversary

Leo clubs receive an Anniversary Banner Patch automatically on their five-year anniversary and in five-year increments thereafter. The sponsoring Lions club will automatically be awarded a Sponsorship Anniversary Banner Patch when the sponsored Leo club attains its five-year anniversary (and in five-year increments thereafter).

Leo Club Excellence

Each district governor nominates one Leo club from the district for this award. The district Leo club chairperson must endorse the nomination. Applications must be submitted to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters by August 15 following the close of the fiscal year in which the club is nominated. Winners receive a banner patch and chevron.

Leo Club Extension

Certificates are awarded to district governors, district Leo club chairpersons and Leo district presidents who achieve a net gain of at least three new Leo clubs in their district by June 30. Certificates are awarded to council chairpersons, multiple district Leo club chairpersons and Leo multiple district presidents who achieve a net gain of at least five new Leo clubs in their multiple district by June 30.

Leo Club Sponsor Banner and Extension

Upon receipt of official notification of a new Leo club, a Sponsor Banner Patch is issued to the sponsoring Lions club. Extension certificates are sent to the sponsoring Lions club president and the Leo club advisor. The sponsoring Lions club can request additional certificates for persons who assisted in organizing the new Leo club from the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters.

Leo Lion Serving Together

A banner patch award is issued to both the Leo club and its Lions club sponsor upon successful completion of a joint project or other activity supporting Leo-Lion collaboration. Award applications are submitted to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters.

Leo October Membership Growth

Any Leo who recruits three or more new members to their Leo club during October receives a Leo Membership Growth Month Lapel Pin. Leo advisors provide the name of the Leos receiving the award to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters by November 30. The sponsoring Lions club account is charged a US\$5 entrance fee (which includes a *Leo New Member Kit*) for each new Leo member.

Leo of the Year

A multiple district council or single district cabinet nominates one Leo each year for this gold medallion award. Applications for Leos who have demonstrated superior achievement are submitted to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters by June 1. The International Board of Directors names winners.

Leo Spotlight on Children

Leo clubs that plan and implement a service project for children in adverse circumstances can earn a Spotlight on Children banner patch. Leo club members who provide a high level of support to a Leo Spotlight on Children project are eligible to receive a Spotlight on Children Certificate of Recognition. Award information is available from the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters and on the association's Web site.

Lions Club Cultural and Community Activity Banner

A banner patch award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the one Lions club within a district that has been most active in organizing successful community and cultural activities.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

An engraved award is provided to the winning photographers in six categories.

Lions International Relations

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the Lion within the district who has developed the most outstanding international relations project.

Lions Quest Banner

Lions clubs sponsoring the Lions Quest programs are eligible to receive a banner patch for each Lions Quest program they sponsor. Banner patches can be requested by the district governor, lions quest chairpersons or Lions club. The name of the club, Lions Quest program(s), (Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence or Skills for Action) and the name of the school sponsoring the program are required. Requests for banner patches should be sent to the attention of the LCIF Lions Quest Department.

Lions Quest District Achievement

Districts that sponsor Lions Quest training for one or more (bronze certificate), six or more (silver certificate), and 12 or more (gold certificate) teachers in the corresponding year receive Lions Quest District Achievement Certificates. Signed certificate applications must be submitted to Lions Quest by May 15.

District Lions Services for Children Chairperson

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation to the district chairperson for achievement in fulfilling the requirements of the position.

Lions UNICEF School-in-a-Box Banner Patch

Lions clubs, Leo clubs districts and multiple districts that donate US\$500 to LCIF for the UNICEF School-in-a-Box program receive a banner patch recognition. For donations of US \$500 in subsequent years, clubs, districts and multiple districts receive a dated chevron patch recognition for additional donations of US\$500.

Lions ALERT Banner Patch Award

A one-time banner patch award is available to clubs, districts and multiple districts that submit a community-wide emergency preparedness plan to Lions International Headquarters.

Lions Young Leaders in Service

These awards are an excellent way for Lions clubs to recognize young people (suggested ages 12-18) who have completed 50 hours (silver seal certificate) or 100 hours (gold seal certificate) of community service. Young Leaders in Service kits, including implementation guidelines and promotional flyers, are available from the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters and on the association's Web site.

New Horizons: In Diabetes Education

An appropriate award is provided annually to the district governor for presentation within the district to the one Lions club that has been most active in diabetes awareness, education, and control during the year.

Online Certificates of Appreciation

Downloadable Certificates of Appreciation are available for Lion leaders to present to participants of the Eyeglass Recycling, Culture, International Relations, Lions ALERT, Lions Crew at Work and Lions Green Team projects.

Outstanding Club

Each year, one club in a district is selected by the governor to receive the Outstanding Club Patch for participation in international relations activities. The district governor receives this patch at the District Governor-elect Seminar.

STRIDES Walk Banner Patch Award

A qualifying Lions club, district or multiple district will receive a Strides Walk banner patch for organizing a "Strides...Lions Walk for Diabetes" event. For Strides Walks held in subsequent years, clubs, districts and multiple districts will receive a dated chevron patch recognition (reflecting the fiscal year in which the walk was held). The award criteria and award application may be downloaded from the association's Web site.

Top Ten Leo Club Extension

Lapel pin awards are issued to district Leo club chairpersons and Leo district presidents from the ten districts with the highest net growth of new Leo clubs during the Lions' fiscal year. Multiple district Leo club chairpersons and Leo multiple district presidents who supported the Leo club extension efforts of a Top Ten District also each receive a lapel pin.

Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson

A multiple district council or single district cabinet nominates one Lion each year for this award. Multiple districts with 15 or more sub-districts nominate two Lions. Applications are submitted to the Youth Programs Department by November 15. Winners selected by the International Board of Directors receive a lapel pin and certificate.

District and Club Administration Awards

Club President Excellence Award

Annual award to club presidents who complete the year successfully and meet the award requirements set by the International Board of Directors. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

District Governor Outstanding Achievement Certificate

This certificate is automatically issued to immediate past district governors in recognition of their achievements as district governor.

District Governor Excellence Award

In appreciation of the special efforts made by district governors, the association presents this award to qualified governors after completion of the term of office. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

Region Chairperson Excellence Award

In appreciation of the special efforts made by region chairpersons, the association presents this award to qualified region chairpersons after completion of the term of office. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

Service Award

This award is given to one individual who is recommended by district governor for having furnished the most assistance in reactivating a status quo club.

Zone Chairperson Excellence Award

In appreciation of the special efforts made by zone chairpersons, the association presents this award to qualified zone chairpersons after completion of the term of office. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

Extension and Membership Awards

A. Member/Club

Campus Club

The Campus Award Pin is awarded to any Lion who forms a Campus Lions club, as determined by the district governor.

The International Flag Set Award is awarded to the campus club in each constitutional area who has achieved the greatest net growth in membership at the close of the fiscal year.

Certified Guiding Lion and Guiding Lion

A Guiding Lion applies for Guiding Lion Award after one year of service. A Certified Guiding Lion who guides a new club two years in community work is eligible for the Certified Guiding Lion Award.

Club Branch

The Club Branch Award is awarded to the Club Branch Liaison to recognize their commitment and dedication to assisting the club branch officers.

Family Membership Pioneer Award

Qualifying clubs receive the Family Membership Banner Patch for adding 10 or more new family members between July 1 and June 30. The award is distributed on an annual basis to qualifying clubs.

International Extension

The district governor recommends this award for two Lions who make the greatest contribution toward the organization of a new club. This award is sent to the governor for presentation along with the club charter. This includes organization of a traditional Lions club, a New Century Lions club, a Campus Lions club, a Lioness Lions club, and a Leo Lions club.

Membership Key

This award is issued automatically to Lions who sponsor new members to existing clubs. There are 17 levels of Keys depending on the number of new members a Key recipient has sponsored.

New Club Sponsor

An embroidered Lions emblem surrounded by the words “New Club Sponsor,” which may be mounted on the official club banner, is presented to the sponsoring Lions club who sponsors a traditional Lions club, a Lioness Lions club or Leo Lions club.

An embroidered Lions emblem surrounded by the words “New Century Lions Club, New Club Sponsor,” which may be mounted on the official club banner, is presented to the sponsoring Lions club who sponsors a New Century Lions club.

An embroidered Lions emblem surrounded by a “door to knowledge” motif and the words “Campus Lions Club,” which may be mounted on the official club banner, is presented to the sponsoring Lions club who sponsors a Campus Lions club.

An embroidered Lions emblem featuring the Club Branch logo, which may be mounted on the official club banner, is presented to the parent Lions club that sponsors a Lions Club Branch.

President’s Retention Campaign

Qualifying clubs will have special incentive to focus on retention during the Lion year. The Club President Excellence Award includes focusing on net membership gain as one criterion.

Year-Round Growth Membership Program

Qualifying members and clubs will receive recognition for successful membership recruitment in the Lion year. Qualifying members receive the Membership Excellence Pin and qualifying clubs receive an attractive banner patch. The award is distributed on an annual basis to qualifying clubs.

B. District

District Extension Chairperson

A net increase of 5 percent new clubs qualifies a district extension chairperson for this award.

District Governor Extension

To recognize the District Governor's commitment to New Club Development. A pin is given to each district governor who charters a new club within his/her district. The pin is customized to bear the number of clubs formed during the district governor's year.

District Governor Family Membership Award

The one-crystal Family Membership Pin is awarded to District Governors for adding 30 new family members or one new family club with at least 25% family members between July 1 and June 30.

The two-crystal Family Membership Pin is awarded for adding 30 new family members and extending one new club with at least 25% family members between July 1 and June 30.

These awards are distributed on an annual basis to qualifying District Governors.

District Governor, District Membership Chairperson and Multiple District Membership Chairperson Excellence Award

This award is available to district governors, district membership chairpersons and multiple district membership chairpersons whose area attains a specific percentage of membership growth. These awards are now part of the Year-Round Growth Membership Campaign.

Women's Growth-United in Service

Awarded to district governors and women's membership development and participation chairpersons whose districts experience a positive net growth of 25 or more women for the full Lions year (July-June).

International President's Awards

Ambassador of Goodwill

The international president presents up to 35 awards during the president's year. Lions who receive this award are ineligible to receive it again.

Head of State Medal

This is given to national heads of state or heads of government in recognition of their support of the association.

International Director Recognition

Outgoing international directors receive this award upon completion of their term in appreciation for their service to the association.

International Leadership

Lions who have made a significant leadership contribution during the international president's year in office are eligible to receive this award.

International Medal of Merit

This award is given at the discretion of the international president to local government officials such as mayors.

International President's Certificate of Appreciation

Lions who have performed a significant service to the association are given this award at the international president's discretion.

International President's Medal of Distinction

This award is given to prime ministers when they are not Head of State, governors, or others of similar status, at the discretion of the international president.

Medal of Honor

This award recognizes extraordinary humanitarian efforts. It shall be awarded posthumously, to Lions and non-Lions, at the discretion of the international president.

Presidential

The international president may present up to 775 awards during his presidential year.

The International Order of the Lion

This award recognizes the achievements by a layman in the areas of humanities, science and religion. It is given at the discretion of the international president.

LCIF Awards

100% Club Support Certificate of Appreciation

This award recognizes districts in which every club in the district has made a donation to LCIF.

100% District Member Support Certificate

Recognizes districts in which every member in the district (based on year-end membership) donates US\$20 or more to LCIF.

Top Ten Certificate

Recognizes the top ten districts in donations to LCIF worldwide.

LCIF Helping Hands Award

Recognizes Lions who promote greater awareness of and support for LCIF at the club, region, district or multiple district level. There is no limit on the number of awards to be issued annually and individuals can receive the award year after year. Recipients receive an annual pin.

LCIF Friend of Humanity Award

Recognizes very select Lions, no more than 50 each year, who have provided exceptional and longstanding service to LCIF. The award is for Lions who have generated significant financial support of LCIF or helped increase the foundation's stature and identity.

LCIF Recognition

Club Plaque

Clubs that donate unrestricted US\$1,000 or more receive a plaque, or if requested, a banner patch and chevron.

Contributing Member

The recognition is given when individuals donate US\$20, US\$50, US\$100, or when such a donation is made in their name. Clubs may receive banner patches and chevrons to recognize Contributing Members when all members become Contributing Members.

Corporate Plaque

Recognizes corporations that donate US\$1,000 or more to LCIF.

Honor Roll

Individuals who contribute US\$100 or have that amount donated in their honor are eligible to receive this recognition.

LCIF Legacy to Lions

Recognizes individuals for naming LCIF as a beneficiary of their estate.

Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Fellowship recognizes individuals who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or for whom a donation of US\$1,000 is made in their honor. Progressive Fellowships for those who contribute more than US\$1,000 or for whom a donation is made in their honor are also given. Clubs can receive banner patches and chevrons to recognize certain levels of Fellowship participation by club members.

Memorial Donation

When donations are made to LCIF in memory of another, both the donor (for amounts over US\$25) and the family of the deceased are sent acknowledgment cards.

Special Events

If a club or individual makes a donation to LCIF to recognize a special event, the club president's birthday or a relative's anniversary, for example, a personal acknowledgment is given to the recipient.

Public Relations Awards

For more information on any of the awards listed below, please see the Public Relations section of this manual or contact the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.

International Friendship Banner Contest

All Lions clubs and districts that purchase banners from an authorized licensee or the Club Supplies Division are automatically entered in this contest. One first place and one honorable mention in each category are awarded.

International Newsletter Contest

Clubs and districts are eligible to submit two copies of their best bulletins for judging. One first place and four honorable mentions are given.

International Photography Contest

Lions, Leos, Lions clubs, districts, multiple districts and Leo clubs may submit photographs of Lions or Leos actively carrying out a fundraising or service activity. One first place and one honorable mention in each category are awarded.

International Trading Pin Contest

All Lions clubs and districts that purchase trading pins from an authorized licensee or the Club Supplies Division are automatically entered in this contest. One first place and one honorable mention in each category are awarded.

International Web site Contest

Web sites designed by Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts may be entered in this contest. One first place and two honorable mentions are awarded.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Awards are given for various levels of achievement to the 11-13 year olds that participate in this contest.

PR Idea Contest

Lions, Leos, Lions clubs, districts, multiple districts and Leo clubs may submit ideas that have successfully received community and media attention. One first place and two honorable mentions will be presented.