

Chapter 16

Awards

Service 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. The award criteria and certificate will be mailed to the Leo club advisor.

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 district Leo club chairperson.

Club Excellence in Effort

Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action

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

Club Twinning Recognition

The Club Twinning Program is a reciprocal correspondence and exchange program between clubs of different countries. A Club Twinning recognition patch is awarded to Lions or Leo clubs that actively participate in this program for the first twinning relationship recorded in a fiscal year. For more information, visit the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org and keyword search “twinning.”

District/Multiple Diabetes Awareness 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 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/Multiple 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 International Relations 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/multiple district certificates and award criteria are mailed to the district governor and council chairperson annually.

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 district/multiple district certificates and award criteria are mailed to the district governor and council chairperson annually.

District/Multiple District Lions Services for Children Chairperson

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

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.

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 each fiscal year. 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 **his/her their** Leo club during October receives a Leo Membership Growth Month Lapel Pin. Leo club advisors provide the name of the Leos receiving the award to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters by November 15. The sponsoring Lions club account is charged a US\$5 Leo New Member 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 prestigious award. Applications for Leos who have demonstrated superior achievement are submitted to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters by April 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. In addition, 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 Community and Cultural Award

Each year, one club in a district that has been the most active in organizing successful community and cultural activities is selected by the district governor to receive a banner patch award. This award is available to district governors upon request.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

An engraved award is provided to the winning photographers in six categories. For more information, visit the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org and keyword search "photo contest."

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. This award is available to district governors upon request.

Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box Banner Patch

A Lions club, Leo club, district or multiple district that donates a total of US\$500 or more to LCIF for the Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box program receives a banner patch recognition for the corresponding fiscal year. For donations of US \$500 or more in subsequent years, clubs, districts and multiple districts will receive a chevron patch recognition (reflecting the fiscal year of the donation).

Lions ALERT Banner Patch Award

A one-time banner patch award is available to clubs, districts and multiple districts that submit to Lions International Headquarters their written Lions ALERT plan.

Lions ALERT District/Multiple District Chairperson Award

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.

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, prevention and control during the fiscal 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 Lions Green Team and Lions Children First projects.

Outstanding Club Patch Award

Each year, one club in a district is selected by the governor to receive the Outstanding Club Patch for participation in international relations activities. This award is available to district governors upon request.

Reading Action Program – Banner Patch Award

Each Lions club that reports a reading or other literacy activity during the fiscal year through the online Service Activity Report will receive the "Reading Action Program" club banner patch. To be considered for the award Lions clubs must report their activities by July 15. Only one patch will be issued per club per fiscal year.

Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness – Banner Patch Award

A qualifying Lions club, district or multiple district will receive a Strides banner patch for organizing a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event. For Strides events held in subsequent years, clubs, districts and multiple districts will receive a chevron patch recognition (reflecting the fiscal year in which the event was held). The award criteria and award application may be downloaded from the association's [website](#).

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

District Governor and Council Chairperson Certificate of Appreciation

A certificate to recognize a district governor or council chairperson who has completed a successful term in office. It is sent automatically from the District and Club Administration Division.

Club Excellence Award

Annual award to club presidents and clubs that meet the award requirements in the area of membership growth, service and club management set by the International Board of Directors. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

District Governor Team Excellence Award

In appreciation of the special efforts made by district governor teams, the association presents this award to members of governor teams who meet the requirements set by the International Board of Directors after completion of the term of office. Completed application must be submitted to the English Language Department by September 30.

Club Rebuilding 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 or cancelled club or providing sustainable membership growth in a small club.

Certified Guiding Lion Certificate

A certificate that is given to a Lion who successfully completes the Certified Guiding Lion course.

Presidential Certified Guiding Lion Award

A Certified Guiding Lion who successfully guides a new club through its first two years of service, achieves a net growth in membership and attains other achievements as noted on the award application is eligible for the Presidential Certified Guiding Lion Award Metal.

~~E-Clubhouse Banner Patch~~

~~An attractive banner patch is given to each club that participates in the free e-Clubhouse program.~~

Extension and Membership Awards

Member/Club

Campus Club Banner Patch

A Campus Award Patch is awarded to the Lions club who sponsors a new Campus Lions club. A Campus Award Pin is presented to any Lion who forms a Campus Lions club, as determined by the district governor. The banner patch and pin are sent with the new club charter.

Club Branch Banner Patch

Clubs that sponsor a branch receive a Club Branch Banner Patch. Club branch liaisons are recognized with a prestigious pin when a new club branch is formed. The pin is sent to the parent club president to present with the banner patch for presentation.

Family Membership Banner Patch

The Family Membership Banner Patch is awarded to new clubs adding 10 or more new family members at the time of charter. The banner patch is sent with the new club charter.

Extension Awards

Extension awards are presented to the two Lions, who, in the opinion of the serving district governor, provided the greatest assistance in the organization of a new Lions club. Lions nominated for an Extension Award receive a medallion-for new clubs that are in good standing after the club has been chartered for a year and a day for each of the first five clubs chartered, and greater awards for chartering 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100 and 150 clubs.

The Extension Award will be sent to the district governor for presentation to the club organizer(s). A thank you certificate will be provided along with the charter for the Lions that have been nominated for the extension award. Any Lion may receive the award, including transfer charter members, but with the exception of the district governor, new charter members and international representatives.

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 Patches

An embroidered Lions emblem surrounded by the words "New Club Sponsor," which may be mounted on the official club banner will be presented to the sponsoring club who sponsors a new Lions club.

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

President’s Certificate of Sponsorship

Lions sponsoring new members are entitled to receive a President’s Certificate of Sponsorship. These certificates are included in the New Member Kit, which is given to each new member at the time of induction. Prior to presenting the kit, it should be opened and the President’s Certificate of Sponsorship should be personalized. New Member Kits are available from the Club Supplies Department at no charge to the clubs.

President’s Retention Campaign

The President's Retention Campaign recognizes successful retention efforts in two ways. First, direct recognition for club presidents is stressed through the guidelines for the Club President Excellence Award. Net membership gain is one criterion emphasized more heavily in the new guidelines (complete rules are found in the President's Retention Campaign brochure). Successfully implementing the President's Retention Campaign will help club presidents earn this coveted award.

Second, a newly designed club banner patch will be available for clubs that make retaining quality members a priority. Clubs can earn this award in two ways:

1. Ninety percent of the members in the club on July 1 of any Lions year must be in the club on June 30 of the next year. Death and transfers are excluded.
2. Reverse membership losses. Clubs of any size that had net membership losses for the previous two years but attain a “zero” net loss in the program year ending June 30 will also receive a banner patch to acknowledge their achievement.

Year-Round Growth Excellence Lapel Pin

Lions who sponsor three or more members during a given fiscal year will receive the Year-Round Growth Membership Excellence Lapel Pin. Pins will automatically be sent to club secretaries for distribution to qualifying members following the close of the fiscal year.

Year-Round Growth Excellence Banner Patch

Clubs that bring in the required number of members in their category will receive a Year-Round Growth Membership Excellence Banner Patch acknowledging their efforts in strengthening their membership during a given fiscal year. Banner patches will automatically be sent to club secretaries following the close of the fiscal year.

The club categories, and required number of new members for the category, are:

- Clubs with 21 or fewer members: bring in 3 or more new members
- Clubs with 22 – 40 members: bring in 5 or more new members
- Clubs with 41 or more members: bring in 8 or more new members

The Milestone Chevron Award Program

The Charter Monarch Chevron and Monarch Chevron Awards are issued at the following years of service: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and over. Chevron Awards for the current fiscal year are automatically sent to district governors in the first quarter for presentation to the recipients at an appropriate event, such as a district convention or other celebration.

The Club Anniversary Patch Program

Special banner patches have been designed to acknowledge a club's longevity of service to the community. The patch is accompanied with a letter from the international president.

The October Membership Growth Program

LCI encourages clubs to invite members year round, but recognizes that October is both a popular invitation time for clubs and a time when prospective members can be especially receptive to joining a Lions club. The October Membership Growth Program pays honor to our tradition and recognizes clubs for their achievement through acknowledgement of their efforts on the LCI Web site.

District

District Governor Extension Award

The District Governor Extension Award is awarded to district governors who charter one or more clubs within their district. The prestigious pin is personalized to display the number of clubs chartered during their year.

District Governor Extension Awards are issued to the immediate past district governor after June 1 following their fiscal. The award will indicate the number of new clubs formed in the previous fiscal year that are still in good standing as of May 31 of the next fiscal year.

District Family Pins

District Family Pins are awarded to district governors who meet the following criteria during a fiscal year:

- One Crystal Pin – awarded to districts that added 30 new family members or one new family Lions club with a minimum of 40 percent family members
- Two Crystal Pin – awarded to districts that added both 30 new family members and one new family Lions club with a minimum of 40 percent family members

Women's United in Service Award

United in Service Pins are awarded to district governors for achieving a net increase of 25 or more women during a fiscal year.

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 and Leos 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 and Leos 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 more than once. The awards are determined by the LCIF Chairperson. 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. The LCIF Chairperson approves the nominees, and recipients receive a gold medal with a ribbon. An individual may receive the award only once.

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 or 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

Individuals who donate US\$1,000, and persons for whom such donations are made, are recognized as Melvin Jones Fellows (MJF). Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin and a personalized wall plaque. Clubs can receive banner patches and chevrons to recognize certain levels of Fellowship participation by club members. Their names are displayed on a monitor in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters, and they receive a specialized pin for each level achieved. Donations that qualify for the Melvin Jones Fellowship can be made in the following categories: measles, area of greatest need, disaster, humanitarian needs, sight and youth.

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship

For those who are already an MJF, the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a new level of recognition, signified by a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. The PMJF program has 100 levels, representing gifts between US\$2,000 –US\$100,000. Like MJFs, donors can honor another individual with PMJF donations.

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 & Communications Division** at International Headquarters.

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 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 Essay Contest

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

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

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

E-Clubhouse Banner Patch

A banner patch is given to each club that participant in the e-Clubhouse program.

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