



Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson Information

All Lions youth programs at the club, district and multiple district levels are coordinated under the umbrella of Lions Opportunities for Youth (LOFY). The mission of Lions Opportunities for Youth is:

To provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as best practices in the field of youth development.

Lions Opportunities for Youth activities include the following: Leo clubs, international youth exchanges and youth camps, International Peace Poster Contest, Lions Quest, drug awareness, youth volunteerism, Scouting, Special Olympics, speaking and essay contests, scholarships, and Young Leaders in Service Awards.

District/Multiple District LOFY Chairperson Guidelines:

In October 2000, the International Board of Directors established the district and multiple district Lions Opportunities for Youth chairperson and committee. Members of the committee include district/multiple district Leo club, Youth Exchange and Peace Poster Contest chairpersons, in addition to chairpersons of other youth activities sponsored at the district/multiple district level. For a district, it is recommended that the vice district governor and, if applicable, the Leo district president serve on this committee. For a multiple district, it is recommended that a governor from one of the sub-districts and, if applicable, the Leo multiple district president serve on this committee.

LOFY Chairperson Duties:

- Become familiar with the various youth programs in your district/multiple district. For additional information, visit the Lions website at (www.lionsclubs.org). The LOFY section may be accessed by typing "youth" into the search bar at the upper right-hand corner of the home page.
- Arrange meetings for youth chairpersons to exchange ideas and coordinate activities.
- Encourage Lions clubs and districts to support youth activities.
- Provide guidance to club and district level Lions Opportunities for Youth committees.
- Promote youth awards available from Lions Clubs International, including the Leo of the Year Award, Leo Club Excellence Award, District/Multiple District Leo Club Chairperson Award, 100% Leo District/Multiple District President Award, Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award, and the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards.

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