



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. 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, but are not limited to: Leo clubs, international youth exchanges and youth camps, International Peace Poster Contest, Lions Quest, drug awareness, street children program, youth service/volunteering, Scouting, Special Olympics, speaking and essay contests, scholarships and Young Leaders in Service Awards.

District/Multiple District Lions Opportunities for Youth 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.

Chairperson Duties

- Become familiar with the various youth programs in the district/multiple district and the “Information for Chairpersons” sections within the Lions Web site. Detailed information is also available from the Youth Programs Department or on the Lions Clubs International Web site (www.lionsclubs.org). The Lions Opportunities for Youth section may be accessed by clicking on the “Youth Programs” button on the Lions home page. Many youth programs’ publications and forms are available for downloading and duplicating from the “Resources” section on the Lions Web site.
- 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 Leo of the Year, Leo Club Excellence Award, District/Multiple District Leo Club Chairperson Award, 100% Leo District/Multiple District President Award, Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairperson Award and the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards.

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