

2010-2011 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

a
BEACON
of hope



"When the raging storms of life rush in, bringing darkness
When the dream fades and despair takes its place
Then like a faithful lighthouse on the distant shore
A Lion stands as a ray of light to show the way."

From the song "Beacon of Hope"



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Contest Rules:

Contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.*

The contest theme is “Power of Peace.”

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

Each essay should be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

Essay entries cannot have already been published.

Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000. They will be notified by June 1.

The postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor is February 15. *Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.*

A club not belonging to a district must send its entry directly to the Public Relations Department at Lions Clubs International (to be postmarked by March 1).

The postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson is March 1. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to the Public Relations Department at Lions Clubs International (to be postmarked by March 1). The postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to the Public Relations Department at Lions Clubs International is March 15.

The mailing address for the essay contest is: Essay Contest, Public Relations Department, Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Essays and completed entry forms being sent to Lions Clubs International Headquarters may also be faxed to 630-571-1685 or e-mailed to pr@lionsclubs.org (the words “Lions Essay Contest” must appear in the Subject line of the e-mail).

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays cannot be published without written permission from Lions Clubs International. However, sponsoring clubs, districts and multiple districts have permission to publish their sponsored essays.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Lions International Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names, photographs and essays for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Bright START awards

The Bright Start Awards will recognize District Governors who achieve strong membership results in the first three months of their year. The Bright Start Awards will consist of two levels and the District Governor will be eligible for only one of the awards. The qualifications for the awards are:

FIRST LIGHT AWARD:

two new clubs **OR** positive membership on September 30, 2010

BRIGHT LIGHT AWARD:

five new clubs **AND** positive membership on September 30, 2010

All new club applications must be completed and received by the LCI New Clubs and Program Marketing Department by the close of business on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

The Bright Start Awards will be presented to the District Governor in October, by mail or at an area form.

For a District Governor that qualifies, they are eligible to only receive one of the Bright Start award.

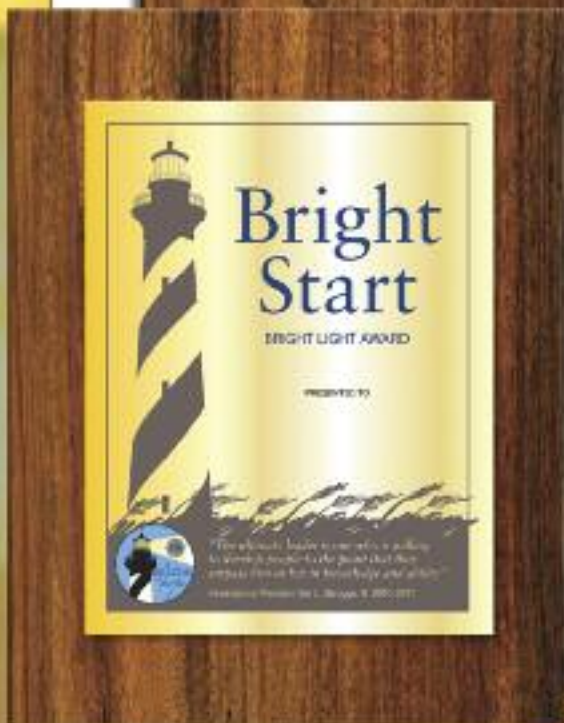
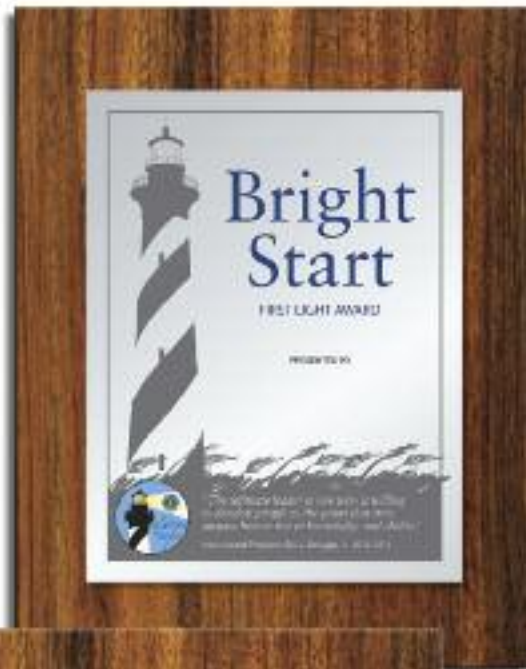
To be considered as a qualifying new club, a completed charter application, all documentation/forms and fees must be received by LCI by close of business on September 30, 2010.

All requirements are subject to verification by Lions Clubs International.

All forms of communication must be legible. Complete and legible faxes are acceptable. Lions Clubs International will assume no responsibility for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, damaged, post-due or misdirected mailed or faxed applications.

The award will not be refunded, substituted, exchanged or transferred to another party. Awards have no cash value. The International President will make the final determination on all awards granted.

Awards rules are subject to change and void in areas where local restrictions apply. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the qualifications of any recipient.





CLUB *excellence* award

To qualify the club must further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

CLUB IN GOOD STANDING –

International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

SERVICE – The club must conduct at least three service projects.

CONTRIBUTION –The club has either contributed a minimum of \$10 for each club member to LCIF or awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow or a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

MEMBERSHIP – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.



COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

A completed form (available on LCI web site) must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2011.

The award will be mailed to the 2011-2012 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2010-2011 club president.

2010-2011 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

TEAM *excellence* award

The District Governor Team Excellence Award recognizes district team members who achieve membership growth and excellence in district leadership. The award will be sent to the 2011-2012 District Governor for presentation.

REQUIRED ACHIEVEMENTS: All five requirements must be met to qualify

- **SERVICE** — Ninety percent (90%) of the clubs participate in a meaningful and visible service project.
- **MEMBERSHIP** — The district had a net increase or chartered a new club.
- **COMMUNICATION** — Each club was visited at least once by a member of the district governor team.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** — The district provided training and mentoring for club officers.
- **CLUB DEVELOPMENT** — Ninety percent (90%) or more of the clubs are active and in good standing

OPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: The district must accomplish 10 of the 20 optional achievements. See the District Governor Team Excellence Award Application on the LCI web site for a list of optional achievements.



LION *recognition* award



An appropriate medal shall be presented by the International President (or an appointee of the International President) to Lions who have set themselves apart in a disaster relief effort, lifesaving endeavor, or a service activity deemed otherwise appropriate by the International President. The medal will consist of a gold medallion, with the Lions Clubs International logo in the center, and the words "Lion Recognition Award" framed around the top of the medallion, and laurel leaves framing the bottom rim. The medallion hangs from a blue (Pantone 287) chest ribbon. A nomination letter, with a brief narrative outlining the respective achievements of the nominee, shall be submitted to the President's office at Lions Clubs International headquarters. Nominations will only be accepted from Executive Officers, International Directors and Board Appointees.

