

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

**Lions Young Leaders in Service
Awards**

Challenging Youth to Serve



MD105 LIONS CLUB GUIDE

YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

Encouraging, guiding and mentoring young people - investments for the future.

The YLiS Awards recognise young people between the ages of 11 and 18 (school years 7 to 13) for their community service within a 12 month period:

- 50 hours of community service = Silver Seal Award Certificate
- 100 hours of community service = Gold Seal Award Certificate

together with a congratulatory letter from the Lions Clubs International President.

Benefits for young people

- Experience the rewards of community service
- Become involved in their community and with local Lions clubs
- Receive an international award

Benefits for Lions Clubs

- Experience the rewards of supporting young people with minimal costs
- Gain publicity from YLiS activities
- Increase the profile of Lions in your community

Suggestions for YLiS Projects

***Category Codes** – 1 Environment, 2 Public Health, 3 Safety, 4 Literacy and Education, 5 Disaster Relief, 6 Community improvement, 7 Help children, 8 Help elderly people, 9 Help homeless/hungry people, 10 Other. Note – Some of the activities may fall into more than one category. The main one should be chosen for logging hours.

Service category*	Suggestions for service activities
Service for the elderly (8)	Performing simple home repairs and jobs around the house; running errands Chatting and being a friend Teaching older people IT skills
Service for children (7)	Collecting and distributing toys or clothes Reading stories and helping with homework Visiting children in hospital As a Guide, helping with Brownies, Rainbows; as a Scout, helping with Cubs, Beavers, perhaps sewing on achievement badges
Environment (1)	Plant trees Clear litter
Service to the homeless/hungry (5), (9) Choose one of these	Collecting food, clothing and toiletries for donation to a local welfare centre; raising money to buy essentials for them to set up home; disaster relief
Safety training (3)	Helping younger children learn about water safety, fire prevention, traffic awareness, bicycle safety
Service to parents or family (4), (7) (8) Choose one of these	Caring for a disabled family member Shopping and cleaning Entertaining, chatting and motivating Looking after younger brothers or sisters; babysitting
Education (4)	Helping a child or adult to learn how to read and write Reading to those visually impaired or record stories for them to listen to
Public health (2)	Assist with health screening Collect used spectacles and hearing aids for recycling Create awareness of AIDS, teenage suicide and substance abuse
Taking a leaders' role (6) or (10)	Cadets; Boys' Brigade; St John; Red Cross; Church; Youth Club; Community youth group; involvement with any community activity
Helping the Lions (1), (2), (7), (8), (5), (9), (10) Choose one of these	Fund-raising for local charities, welfare activities or disaster relief Planning a party for children; organising a treat for older people Working as a member of the Lions team in whatever they do

How to get involved and what is available to help clubs promote the award

1. Gain the commitment of one of your Lions members to take responsibility for this young people's programme
2. Request copies from your District Officer of
 - o the club "mini guide"
 - o leaflet for distribution to local youth groups and schools
 - o promotional poster.

The leaflet can be personalised to your club, with space left for you to insert your club and contact details prior to printing off copies for distribution. All these can also be downloaded from the MD105 website www.lionsmd105.org/youth
3. Your club may run this award scheme at any time of the year, with participants starting on the date of their first hour of community service and completing on the first anniversary of that date.
4. Contact your local schools and youth organisations, such as St John, Red Cross, Boys Brigade, Cadets, youth clubs, Scouts, Guides, churches, sports clubs, cadets, young carers and all youth organisations. A personal pre-arranged visit could be the most effective way of gaining their interest.
5. Explain how the Young Leaders in Service award works and what benefits it brings. Take all supporting paperwork with you, including all promotional materials and logbooks for recording service activities. Confirm start and finish dates and mention that you will be planning presentation events for successful Young Leaders in Service to tie in with finish dates. (You would probably want to run these a number of times each year.) Keep in contact with the organisation to keep their interest, monitor progress and in case of queries.
6. Prepare a Press release and send it to the local newspaper. Also contact the editor of the Lion Magazine, Margaret Kimberley, lion.editor@lions.org.uk
7. Contact participating organisations at least a month before each participant's year end to ensure that the logbooks have been completed with 50 or 100 hours of service recorded and advise the date for collection. Send the logbooks to your District Officer, who will apply for the letters and certificates from Oak Brook. These logbooks can later be returned to the participants. Allow at least 3 weeks for delivery.
8. Make arrangements for the presentation ceremony.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Aim:

- **To recognise and reward young people for their commitment to community service.**
 - **To raise the profile of your Lions Club and confirm Lions commitment to young people.**
- a. Schools – at a school event at which parents, friends, teachers and governors are present.
 - b. At a local Lions event, with invitations issued to Lions and their partners, local dignitaries like the mayor, MP, business people, all the family and friends of the participants and the organisations or individuals who have benefited from the community service.
 - c. At a youth organisation's own event, again so that the maximum number of people can be invited and involved.
 - d. Press – invite the Press and provide them with a Press release explaining what the presentation is all about. Get permission from the young people's parents/guardians prior to use of any of these photos.
 - e. Present all the young people with their certificates and if you wish, a small gift of appreciation from the Lions club. Young Leaders in Service badges, both metal and cloth, will additionally be available for the presentation – contact your District Officers for supplies. These will be free of charge to YLiS award winners.
 - f. Promotion at the presentation event: if possible, put up a display stand with information about the YLiS scheme and other Lions youth programmes, local contact details and leaflets to hand out.

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

LIONS CLUB AWARD REQUEST FORM

To be given by the participating Lions Club to their District Officer for submission to Lions Clubs International

Name and address of Lions Club
District Officer submitting this form Name Title Tel. no. Email address
Address to mail letters and certificates Lions Club address as above. Tel. no. for delivery address

Instructions to District Officer

1. Ensure form above is completed.
2. Ensure that all information on submitted School/Youth Group Award Certification Forms is legible
3. Ensure that all the service activities claimed by the young person have been verified as authentic.
4. Attached an original copy of the correctly submitted School/Youth Group Award Certifications Forms for which you want letters and certificates issued. Attach the forms to this page, keeping a copy of all forms for your future reference.
5. Send the completed forms to:
Youth Programmes Department
Lions Club International
300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Ill. 60523-8842 USA
Fax: 630-571-1692
executiveservices@lionsclubs.org
6. Allow delivery time plus two to three weeks for Lions Clubs International to process these forms and issue a letter and certificate for each award recipient. All letters and certificates will be mailed to the name and address provided above.

YLIS School/Youth Organisation Award CERTIFICATION FORM to be completed by the school or youth organisation, using the information contained in the participants' logbooks. Please contact your Lions Club representative by the deadline date indicated for submission of the forms. Please type or print (using black ink) and make sure all information is legible. Lions Clubs International will use these completed forms to issue letters and certificates for successful award winners – make photocopies as you need them.

Deadline _____

Lions Contact _____

Tel. no. _____

School, Youth Organisation or Leo Club information

Name of organisation.....

Address

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Tel. no. Fax:Email

Award Certification

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate.

_____ Date _____

Signed on behalf of the Youth Organisation

Please complete the following information for each student or group member who qualifies to receive the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards.

Young Person's Information

Name
(as they would like to see it on the certificate)

Address

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Tel. no. Fax:Email

Age.....Male/Female

Award Level achieved: Silver Seal Award (50 service hours in a 12 month period)
(delete as applicable) Gold Seal Award (100 service hours in a 12 month period)

Number of hours in each service category as reported in the logbook. (Please fill in the number of hours in front of all the categories of service which apply:

- 1. Environment
- 2. Public Health
- 3. Safety
- 4. Literacy and Education
- 5. Disaster relief
- 6. Community improvement
- 7. Help children
- 8. Help elderly people
- 9. Homeless/hungry people
-10 (other)

Lions Club Name
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I certify that the above information is accurate

_____ Date _____
YLIS participant's signature

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian's signature

YLiS School/Youth Organisation Award CERTIFICATION FORM contd.
Young Person's Information

Name
(as they would like to see it on the certificate)

Address

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Lions Club Name

Tel. no. Fax: Email

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YLiS participant's signature

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PRESS RELEASE

An idea for adapting to your own purpose.

Lions Clubs International Young Leaders in Service – local students atSchool have spent hundreds of hours of their time helping a variety of different people in their local community. TheLions Club is delighted to welcome very special young people to a presentation ceremony to celebrate their achievements. The Young Leaders in Service Awards reward the very best young people between the ages of 11 and 18 with certificates signed by the Lions International President.

These remarkable young people are all involved in helping their community, in particular those less fortunate than themselves. They dispel the myth that all young people are trouble-makers. We are proud of their achievements.

To learn more about Lions Clubs activities in your town and perhaps become involved, contact..... or ring