

Youth Programs

The following are Adopted Lions Opportunities for Youth programs.

- Leo Club Program - A Leo club is an activity sponsored by one or more Lions clubs. Membership is open to young people between the ages of 12-30. Alpha Leos are between the ages of 12 and 18; Omega Leos are between 18 and age 30. The district Leo club chairperson is the Lions cabinet liaison with the Leo Club Program. When certain requirements are met, clubs may be organized into Leo districts or Leo multiple districts. Where there is no Leo district, a district governor may appoint a Leo member as associate district Leo chairperson to serve as liaison and to assist the appointed Lion district Leo club chairperson.
- Lions International Peace Poster Contest - Open to students, ages 11-13, all entries must be part of the contest sponsored by a Lions club in a school or youth group. Lions clubs can purchase a kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department to sponsor the contest. The grand prize winner receives US\$2,500 and a trip (includes two family members and president of the sponsoring Lions club) to the awards ceremony held at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York , USA .
- Lions International Youth Camp Program - A Lions international youth camp hosts young people from different countries. The purpose of the camp is to promote international understanding through open dialogue and organized activities. Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts - singly or jointly - may organize a camp.
- Lions International Youth Exchange Program - Adopted in 1961, the short-term, cultural exchange program offers four to six-week home stays with Lions-approved host families. Exchanges are arranged between cooperating Lions clubs in different countries through their respective district or multiple district youth exchange chairperson. Young people, ages 15-21 years of age, are eligible for sponsorship.
- Lions Services for Children Program - Adopted in 2003, the program aims to improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally. Clubs begin by assessing the needs of local children then coordinate resources to address those needs. Clubs can also participate in recommended activities such as SODIS solar water disinfection and UNICEF's School-in-a-Box Program.
- Lions-Quest - The life-skills curricula teach young people about character education, prevention, and service learning. Around the world, more than six million students, ages five to 18, have participated in the Lions-Quest *Skills for Growing* (for students in kindergarten through fifth grade), *Skills for Adolescents* (for students in grades six through eight), and *Skills for Action* (for students in grades nine through 12) programs. Information is available on the Lions Web site.

- Lions Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century Award - Lions districts and multiple districts can develop a Young Ambassadors Award for young people, ages 15-19, who have demonstrated excellence in: community service, leadership, academics, and public speaking.
- Lions Young Leaders in Service Award - Lions can present the free Silver Seal Award (for 50 hours of community service) or the Gold Seal Award (for 100 hours of community service) certificate to community volunteers between the ages of 12 and 18.

Lions Youth Outreach - Established in 1993, the *Lions Youth Outreach: Changing Tomorrow Today* program builds upon the association's commitment to help young people become responsible adult citizens and community leaders. The mission of the program is: *to help and challenge youth to learn, to achieve and to serve*. The program includes youth volunteerism, youth mentoring, and Scouts.