

1. The Family Membership Program provides families with the opportunity to join a Lions club, upon invitation, under a special family dues concession. The program is designed for either existing members who wish to invite other family members to join their club and for clubs that wish to expand their community service by involving more families from the community they serve, subject to the provisions and regulations as described below.
2. For the purpose of this program, the eligibility definition for 'family' shall be as follows: A family includes all members living in the same household related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and other legal dependents.
3. The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club and (3) living in the same household. New family members must be invited and approved by the clubs board of directors. Family membership is limited to five qualifying family members per household, and new clubs must have a minimum of ten full paying members. Samehousehold residency is not required for members under age 26 if they are pursuing higher education or serving in their country's military.
4. The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (as well as any applicable club, district or multiple district dues), and up to four qualifying family members pay half international dues. Life Members qualify as the full paying first member. All family members pay the one-time entrance fee and shall be Active Members with all rights and privileges.
5. To qualify for the family membership dues rate, existing qualifying family members shall be certified and reported as family members by the May 31 and November 30 deadline dates in order to be billed at the discounted family rate for that upcoming respective semi-annual dues billing. Subsequent family members, up to a limit of four more, who meet the Family Membership Program qualifications, shall be required to pay one half the normal international dues. When reporting new family unit members to Lions Clubs International, the Family Unit Certification Form shall be submitted at the same time as the Monthly Membership Report listing the new member, or certification shall be completed at the time a member is added online. Lions Clubs International will not issue credits to clubs that complete certification after the new member has been added; in these cases, the family unit billing rate will take effect with the next semi-annual dues billing.
6. In the case of newly chartered clubs, family unit certification shall be completed on the *Report of Charter Members* form, including for transfer members. A minimum of 10 members who are paying full dues is required when utilizing the Family Membership Program to charter a new club.

7. Per the association's constitution, formal membership is limited to individuals who are above the age of majority. Therefore, adolescents and minor children shall not be entitled to formal membership and not be added to the membership roster. In such cases, clubs are encouraged to sponsor Leo clubs, or organize a Cub club, for these younger family members as desired.

8. No credits will be issued to clubs that change a Lions join date in order to receive the family dues rate.

9. To verify same household residency and other eligibility requirements, the club secretary shall complete certification for each family unit and provide a certification key code indicating the type of supporting documentation he/she reviewed for determining the family members meet the eligibility requirements. The application shall be completed using MyLCI, or submitted in paper form for clubs reporting member additions using the hard copy Monthly Membership Report.

10. Clubs that add more than 10 family members in a month shall be required to provide additional documentation to LCI confirming their eligibility for family membership, and such members will not be added to the association's membership records until such documents have been reviewed.

11. Family member units, under the Family Membership Program, shall receive only one copy of LION Magazine.

12. Family members shall be subject to the year-and-a-day rule with respect to the club delegate formula provision.

13. Clubs determined by the association to be misapplying the Family Membership Program or misusing it to affect voting delegate strength may be required to pay full dues for all family members in the club to the point at which the misuse was found to occur. Furthermore, the association retains the right to prohibit such clubs from adding family members under the Family Membership Program for a period of two years after the infraction.