

STUDENT MEMBER AND LEO TO LION PROGRAMS AND DUES PROVISION

1. The Student Member Program provides students with the opportunity to join any Lions club, including campus clubs, upon invitation, under a special student dues concession. The program is designed for Campus Lions clubs and for clubs that wish to expand their humanitarian service by involving more students from the community they serve, subject to the provisions and regulations as described below.
2. The Student Member Program is open to students between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30. For the purpose of this program, the eligibility definition for “student” shall be as follows: A student is an individual enrolled in an educational institution. New student members must be invited and approved by the club’s board of directors.
3. Students members, who meet the qualifications as outlined in paragraph 2 above, shall be required to pay one half of the normal international dues and be exempt of any entrance fees. Once a student meets this qualification, the student shall continue to receive the concession until graduation, notification of student status change or once the student reaches age 31, whichever comes first. It should be further recommended that districts and multiple districts consider either exempting or lowering their dues for student members as deemed appropriate. All qualifying student members shall be Active Members with all rights and privileges.
4. Student members shall be required to provide documentation verifying enrollment in an educational institution and age. The district governor, guiding Lion or club secretary shall complete a Student Member and Leo to Lion Certification Form for each student member, indicating the type of supporting document he/she reviewed to verify enrollment in an educational institution and age.
5. In the case of Campus Lions clubs, student members shall receive an extended billing adjustment period for the semi-annual billings in order to accommodate the typical school schedule. Campus Lions clubs have through April 15 for the January per capita billing and through October 15 for the July per capita billing to amend the club roster. Lions Clubs International will give credits to clubs for roster adjustments submitted within this time period.
6. Clubs determined to be misapplying the Student Member Program may be required to pay full dues for all student members in the club to the point at which the misuse was found to occur. Furthermore, the association would retain the right to prohibit such clubs from adding student members under the Student Membership Program for a period of two years after the infraction.

7. The Leo to Lion Program provides an easy transition for graduating Leos. Current and former Leos, who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day and are between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30, shall be required to pay one half of the normal international dues and be exempt of any entrance fees. A member who meets the initial Leo to Lion requirements shall continue to qualify for the Leo to Lion Program until the member reaches the age of 31.

8. Additionally, in the event that a group of current or former Leos apply to charter a new club with other like-minded young adults, all new club members between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30 qualify for the Leo to Lion Program under the provision that at least 10 new club members are former Leos who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day. Members over the age of 30 shall qualify for membership in the club, but do not qualify for the Leo to Lion Program.

9. Leo Lions shall be required to provide the Leo Completion of Service Certificate and documentation verifying Leo membership and age. Young adults shall be required to provide documentation verifying age. The district governor, guiding Lion or club secretary shall complete a Student Member and Leo to Lion Certification Form for each Leo Lion and young adult member, indicating the type of supporting document he/she reviewed to verify Leo membership and/or age.

10. In the case of a newly chartered campus club, or a club with a majority of student members, each charter member who qualifies for the Student Member Program is required to prepay one year International dues at the student member rate at the time of charter. Such fees shall be submitted with the charter application.

11. Existing members must be listed as a Leo or former Leo in their membership history in order to update their member type to Leo Lion. To receive former Leo status as an existing member, the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Transfer Form (LL-2) must be submitted to Lions Clubs International.

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