

LEO OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for the Multiple District 14 Leo of the Year selection.

GENERAL

1. Each District having one or more Leo clubs is eligible to submit only one nominee selected by the district for the Lions Club International and MD-14 Leo of the Year award. Eligibility requirements are outlined in the office LCI Leo of the Year Nomination Form issued by Lions Clubs International.
2. The MD-14 Leo Clubs Coordinator will provide each district Leo liaison and Leo Club leaders with the requirements and nomination form at the beginning of the Lions fiscal year.
3. Submission **MUST** be presented on the official LCI Leo of the Year Nomination Form to be eligible for consideration. Any submissions not presented on the LCI form may be returned.
4. Submission will also include a head and shoulder photo of the nominee
5. Leo of the Year Nominations Form applications and attachment will be submitted to the MD-14 Leo Clubs Coordinator **postmarked no later than January 7th** of the fiscal year in which the award is presented who will confirm that the submission meets criteria
6. Submissions will be reviewed by the Council Chairperson and disseminated to the sitting District Governors to rank the nominees for a vote at the third Council of Governors meeting to ratify the results.
7. The chosen nominee form requires the signature of the Council Chairperson during the fiscal year in which the nominee is presented.
8. LCI Nomination Form and attachment must be received at the Lions Clubs International address listed on the nomination form **postmarked no later than March 1st** for the fiscal year for which the candidate is nominated.
9. MD-14 Leo of the Year selection will receive a "Multiple District Leo Founders Recognition Award" and:
 - a. Receive a Multiple District Leo Founders Recognition Award plaque (suggested wording):
"In sincere appreciation for outstanding leadership, distinguished service, and devotion to the purpose of Leo Clubs"

- b. Monetary gift of \$250
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- 10. Multiple District Leo Founders Award and any recognition from LCI will be presented at the State Convention International Banquet in the same fiscal year. In the event the recipient is not able to attend the State Convention International Banquet an alternative date shall be selected by the State Council Chairperson and the State Administrator.
 - 11. Multiple District 14 will underwrite the banquet meal for the Leo of the Year and two immediate family members. Any expense of travel and/or lodging would be the decision and obligation of the sponsoring district and/or sponsoring Lions Club.