



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AWARD - YOUNG AMBASSADOR OF THE 21ST CENTURY

WHAT'S IT ABOUT & WHY PARTICIPATE?

This Competition is designed to acknowledge and encourage the voluntary work of young persons in the community.

HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

The award is open to individuals of any gender who have reached their 15th birthday but have not yet reached their 19th birthday on 30th June 2020 (i.e. 15-18 incl age group).

- No candidate may be related to a member of the judging panel.
- A previous winner of the Award is not eligible to enter.

Date	Detail
September 2019	Start of Youth Award Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club President should appoint Club Youth Award Officer (YAO) • Club YAO should contact local schools, youth clubs and other similar groups seeking candidates.
September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Forms should be downloaded from the members' area of the district website www.lionsclubs.ie (password for member's area – melvin1917) or can be obtained in hard or soft copy from District Officer Brian O'Keeffe (bokeeffe6@gmail.com). • Club YAO should arrange judges, set a date for the Club Final and secure a location for the interviews.
7 th December 2019	Club Finals should be completed by this date. Club YAO should forward the application form of the winner/club nominee to District Officer Brian O'Keeffe via post or electronic copy. Brian O'Keeffe 65 The Glade, Athenry, Co. Galway bokeeffe6@gmail.com

14 th December 2019	Closing date for receipt of applications by District Officer. NOTE: For the first time, this year there will be no Zone level competitions. All club winners/nominees will proceed directly to the District Final. In the event of an excessive number of applicants for the District Final some shortlisting may apply, based on the written applications.
25 th January 2020	District 133 (Ireland) Final - to be organised by District YAO, Lion Brian O'Keeffe, in Dublin (venue TBC).
21 st – 23 rd February, 2020	Multiple District 105 Finals Weekend held in Dudley, UK. District 133 winner will participate.
1 st – 3 rd October 2020	District 133 Winner will represent the District at the European Final in Thessaloniki, Greece

At all levels of the Award Scheme, where there is a competition there will be three non-Lion judges (male and female) covering the fields of Education, Youth Work or Community Service, and Industry or Commerce.

At Club level ... each Club is responsible for local publicity, obtaining Candidates and arranging the venue and the judging of the Club heat (if more than 1 entrant)

The Club must ensure that for each candidate there is written support from the sponsor and supportive evidence of community involvement and achievement.

The Club Youth Award Officer should make 3 (three) copies of:

- ✓ Each Application Form
- ✓ Written support from sponsor
- ✓ Supportive evidence

and send one set of the copies to each judge a few days before the final.

The Club YAO should use the marking sheet provided by Brian O'Keeffe with the following headings:

Name	Community Involvement (50 points)	Personality & Leadership (15 points)	Use of Bursary (20 points)	Speaking Ability (15 points)
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The Chairperson of the Judging Panel should be asked to write an appraisal of the winning candidate for submission with the original documents to the next level. Following completion of the local Club Final, the Club YAO should send 3 hard copies of the papers, or one electronic copy, to the District Officer, Lion Brian O'Keeffe.

The Club YAO should obtain details of the time and location of the District Final and arrange transport and escort of winner to the District Final.

If the candidate is successful at the District Final, the Club YAO should work in conjunction with Brian O'Keeffe in relation to arrangements for transport – and who will accompany the candidate – to the Multiple District finals weekend and the EUROPA Forum.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The District Winner will be required to submit a written statement outlining a project of his/her choice in the fields of Further Education or Social Work. The approved project will require the winner's personal involvement (e.g. not cash gift to a charity or hospital etc.).

PRIZES

It is recommended that awards in Clubs should be kept moderate so as not to put too much monetary emphasis on the competition – and to keep a balanced ratio between each stage.

DISTRICT AWARD:

The District Winner will receive;

- A bursary of €600 to be used for a project of the winner's choice.
- A Perpetual Trophy (to be held for one year)
- A smaller trophy to keep.
- Sponsorship (flights and camp fee) at a Lions International Youth Exchange & Camp in a European country of the winner's choice (subject to camp availability) in Summer 2020.

All District Finalists will receive a plaque as recognition of their achievement.

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