



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

CLUB YOUTH OFFICERS GUIDE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 YOUNG AMBASSADORS SCHEME

1. The aim of the Scheme is to promote Internationally an interest in, and active support of, youth activities in the Community. It is also intended to recognise, encourage and support young people who are actively involved in the welfare of the community
2. The Scheme will take the form of the selection of a Candidate in accordance with approved rules. Candidates will progress through the various levels (Club, Region and District) up to the MD Final, which is held on the last complete weekend in February.
3. Candidates are required to be selected by a Lions Club to participate in the Scheme. Thereafter, each Club is responsible for actively sponsoring the Candidate at subsequent levels, and should be aware of the level of commitment required in terms of the time needed to accompany the Candidate and the cost of the Candidate's expenses. To have any prospect of success, a Candidate will need the active support and encouragement of the sponsoring Club. Expenses incurred can correctly be drawn from the Club's Charity Account.
4. The Multiple District Bursary to the successful Candidate is not intended to be for the personal financial benefit of the Candidate. The only personal benefit to be derived is the encouragement of character development through participation in the Scheme and, in the case of the MD winner, through attendance at the MD Convention and the MD International Youth Centre.
5. The Scheme shall at all times be administered in accordance with the spirit of this statement.

Rules and Information for Clubs

NB: The selection process of Candidates at Club level shall be at the discretion of the Club, provided that their Candidate, entered into the later stages of the Competition, conforms with the requirements of the MD Rules.

1. The Scheme is **LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADOR OF THE 21st CENTURY**.
2. A year is **1st July** in any year to **30th June** in the following year.
3. The Scheme is open to Candidates of either sex within the age limits set out below.
4. **To be eligible, Candidates must have reached their 15th birthday, but not their 19th birthday, on or before 30th June in the year in which the MD Final is to be held.**
5. No previous winner of the MD Final is eligible as a Candidate for the Award.
6. Membership of a Leo Club or of a Lioness Club shall not render a person ineligible, but he or she shall not be submitted as a Candidate by his or her own Club.
7. The qualities on which the Judges reach their decision must take into account:
 - a) The contribution made by the Candidate to their community's welfare (50% of any points available shall relate to this category).
 - b) The personality and demonstration of leadership qualities of the Candidate (15% of any points available shall relate to this category).
 - c) The use of the bursary intended by the Candidate (15% of any points available shall relate to this category).
 - d) The ability to speak for up to 3 minutes about their service activity (20% of any points available shall relate to this category).

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