



Annual West Virginia Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Scholarship Contest

Rules and Procedures

A. Objectives

- To serve the first objective of Lionism: “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.”
- To encourage West Virginia youth to experience cultures of other countries by cultural youth exchange arranged by Lions, which includes a 4-6 week stay with one or more host families and will include a youth camp.
- To encourage West Virginia families to host youth from other countries through the Lions International Youth Camps and Exchange program.

B. Winners Receive:

At least 6 applicants will receive \$1,200 travel grants. Others may be awarded if funds are available. Alternates will be selected.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL GRANTS WILL NOT COVER ALL YOUR EXPENSES OR CAMP COSTS

C. Eligibility - All youth fulfilling the following conditions are encouraged to enter the scholarship contest:

- Enrolled in high school or home study, grades 10-12, or a recent graduate.
- Age 16-21 years of age by June 1 of 2018.
- A resident of West Virginia.

Please note that students who do not win a travel grant may still participate in the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program, at their own expense.

Contest Time Frame

The scholarship Contest begins on September 18, 2017. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2017. No email entries or late entries will be accepted

- #### E. Youth will be asked to come for interviews at Braxton Middle School in Sutton, WV at 10:30 am on December 2, 2017.

D. Entry forms with essays and two sealed recommendation letters are to be mailed to:
WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Contest
c/o Henry Krautwurst,
P. O. Box 308
Capon Springs, WV 26823

F. Restrictions

- If a youth has previously won a travel grant (other than a \$500 grant) through this program, he/she is not eligible to enter again.
- The youth and parents will agree to confirm to the WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program rules as set forth herein.
- Travel grants may only be used in connection with a Lions youth exchange.
- Exchange trips take place between mid-June and mid- August.

G. Youth Responsibilities:

- During the overseas exchange, winning youth should be prepared to speak in English for 15-20 minutes to a local Lions club about themselves, life in the US and in West Virginia, and his/her experiences thus far.
- After the trip, the youth should be prepared to make a brief presentation to the sponsoring Lions Club or another club near his/her community.
- After the trip the youth should prepare a 1 - 2 page written synopsis of their trip to be submitted to the Chair of the Youth Exchange program within 3 weeks of their return home.
- During the exchange, youth should be prepared to act as a representative of Lions Clubs International, their community, West Virginia and the USA and to abide by the host family customs and rules as well as that of any youth camp attended.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your entry.

More information about Lions Clubs and the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program can be found at www.wvlions.org and www.lionsclubs.org and click on Youth Programs/Youth Camps and Exchange.

If you have any questions, you may contact a member of the WV Lions Youth Exchange Committee below:

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