

LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADORS OF THE 21ST CENTURY AWARD.

Rules of Procedure for the European Constitutional Area competition.

Preface:

The Lions Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century Award program is part of the Lions Opportunities for Youth initiative. The mission of Lions Opportunities for youth is:

“To provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as best practices in the field of youth development.”

These Rules of Procedure are intended to supplement the advice and guidance given in the Guide published by Lions Clubs International (Publication Ref: IAD-137) to which reference should be made.

In order to recognise and encourage young people between the ages of 15 and 19, who are actively involved in community work a **Lions European Young Ambassador Of The Year** prize may be presented annually on the occasion of each Lions Europa Forum.

During the Europa Forum a competition will be organised to identify the winner of the annual prize.

Candidates:

- Candidates must be at least 15 and not more than 19 years on 30th June in the year of the Competition.
- Candidates must have been resident in the territory of the entering member of the Europa Forum for at least three years prior to 1st January in the year of the competition. “Members” are countries or states as defined in Article III - Rules of Procedures of the Europa Forum.
- No winner of any Competition at a Lions Europa Forum may participate in any subsequent Competition.
- Each member of the Europa Forum may nominate one and only one candidate for the competition. The registration of the candidates has to be made to the President of the Europa Forum and the Chairman of the Organising Committee by 30th June in the year of the competition.
- All costs of a Candidate to attend the Competition shall be the responsibility of the entering member.

The Competition:

An impartial panel of appointed judges taking into account the following criteria will judge the candidates.

- The extent of the candidate's involvement in community service. This will equate to a minimum of 50% of any marks available.
- The personality and leadership qualities of the candidate (15%).
- The candidate's proposals for the use of the bursary (15%).
- The ability to speak for up to 5 minutes about the candidate's service activities (10%).
- Skills displayed during the interview (10%).

The Annual prize fund will be the equivalent of EUR 5,000.00 to be awarded as follows and paid as a bursary to each of the winners to be used for a community service project with which the winner must be actively involved or for training that will enable the winner to extend or develop their community service.

- First Prize EUR 3,500.00
- Second Prize EUR 1,000.00
- Third Prize EUR 500.00

Administration of each bursary shall be undertaken by the entering member of each winning candidate in accordance with the spirit of this statement. It is not appropriate to propose to use the bursary as a cash gift to a charity or other cause nor is it appropriate to use the bursary to purchase equipment etc., for a project with which the candidate will not be involved.

Host Country's Responsibilities:

The host member of the Europa Forum at which the competition final is held shall be responsible for:

- Appointing an impartial panel of three, who should be non-Lions representing both sexes and covering the fields of Education, Youth Work or Community Service and Industry or Commerce.
- Accepting notifications from members of their intention to register a candidate. The notifications have to be made by 30th June in the year of the competition.
- Providing a suitable venue and facilities for the competition to take place including the provision of translators under the Rules of Procedure for the Europa Forum.

- Providing facilities and time at the closing session of the European Council so that the winners of the competition may be presented with their prizes and the winner allowed to address the Council.
- All costs incurred in carrying out the above including the prize money of EUR 5,000.00. The host country may seek sponsors to provide funds for these expenses.
- Arranging suitable hotel accommodation for the contestants.
- Ensuring that maximum publicity for the Competition is achieved.

Committee:

A Committee will be appointed to be responsible for the overall running of the competition. It will also be responsible for the endorsement of proposals put forward by the host country including expansion of and/or alteration to these guidelines, subject to the approval of the European Council.

- The Committee will be appointed by the European Council from year to year and include one representative from each of the known two future, present and immediate past host members.
- The Committee shall nominate for the appointment of a Chairman (not being one of their own members) to hold office for a term of three years. Such nomination to be approved by the European Council prior to taking up office. Re-election is possible at the end of the three-year term.