

CHAPTER VII AWARDS

A. MD 19 CONTESTS & AWARDS

1. All rules, guidelines, point accumulation methods and instructions used to determine winners in the various MD19 contests, are those printed in that fiscal year's MD 19 Contests and Awards Book.
2. District Conference winners, who intend to compete at the MD19 Annual Convention, shall have met all requirements as outlined in the current fiscal year's MD19 Contests and Awards Booklet.
3. If the Contests and Awards Committee receives no recommendations from the current District Governors for the MD19 Distinguished Service Award or those nominations received do not qualify, the MD19 International Awards Screening and Prioritizing Committee will choose a recipient.
4. Within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of each District Conference, the District Governor and the District Contests & Awards Chairperson shall **EACH** forward to the MD19 Contests and Awards Chairperson (with a copy to the MD19 Office a listing of all winners and runners-up in those various contests which were conducted as part of their particular District's conference activities.
5. It shall be the responsibility of each District Governor to determine if their District Conference's Contests and Awards winners are planning to be present to compete at the MD19 Annual Convention. District Governor shall be responsible for contacting the runner-up with opportunity to compete, if winner is unable to participate. It is then the District Governor's responsibility to notify the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer of any changes in participants not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Convention. Any further cancellations of competitors shall be acknowledged by the affected District Governor to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer immediately upon having knowledge of same.
6. If a Lions Club requests a change in the Contests and Awards rules, the proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the MD19 Contests and Awards Committee Chairperson by January 31. The Contests and Awards Committee will duly consider all proposed amendments. If the proposed change is deemed reasonable, it will be submitted to the Council of Governors at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Any rules changed by a vote of the Council would take effect on July 1st of the immediate following fiscal year.

B. INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Every year Lions Clubs International allocates Presidential and International Leadership Awards to multiple districts based on their total current membership count. These two Awards are in addition to the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** whose recipient(s) is nominated by the District Governor and is presented at the Spring Conference. The Presidential and International Leadership Awards are traditionally presented at the Multiple District 19 Annual Convention or a District Conference. The current or most recent International Director sends the nominations to Lions Clubs International.

1. No Member of MD19 will be awarded more than one Presidential Award and one International Leadership Award in a lifetime when being recommended by the committee (Section 4) from MD19. The maximum number of awards submitted to Lions Clubs International in any one year from MD19 is determined annually by Lions Clubs International as is the number of awards that will be given to Lions of Multiple District 19.

The Presidential Award shall consist of a medal and a chest ribbon of a design approved by the International President and shall be accompanied by a suitable letter. To be nominated for this award the nominee(s) must have served for a minimum of five (5) years promoting and/or providing leadership and/or service to a District(s) and/or the Multiple District. (Being a Leadership Chairperson, Zone Chairperson or District Governor is not a requirement).

The International Leadership Award shall consist of a medal and a chest ribbon of a design approved by the International President. To be nominated for this award the nominee(s) must have served for a minimum of three (3) years in a Leadership position in the District or Multiple District. (Being a Leadership Chairperson, Zone Chairperson or District Governor is not a requirement.)

2. Award Recipients

During the three-year term of office for the MD19 Leadership, Extension, Membership, Public Relations, Retention, Special Events Coordinator and Leadership Training Chairpersons, they may not be nominated for either the International Presidential or Leadership Awards. The Council Chairperson may not be nominated during his/her term of office. The Leadership, Extension, Membership, Public Relations, Retention, Special Events Coordinator and Leadership Training Chairpersons are excluded because their expertise and vision are needed to recognize and encourage their fellow Lions for their roles of leadership rather than collecting honors themselves. The Council Chairperson is the recognized elected leader by the Lions in the Multiple District and

as such is expected to perform at a high level of competence. The International Presidential and Leadership Awards are very honorable awards and need to be used to encourage, inspire, spotlight, and recognize leadership in our individual districts.

3. The Nomination Process

A nomination for an International Presidential or Leadership Award may be made by the following individuals: the nine current District Governors, Council Chairperson, MD19 LEM/PRR Team, which includes the Special Events Coordinator and Leadership Training Chairperson, MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer, and the current International Director or most recent Past International Director. Each July the MD19 Office will give the above mentioned Lions the International Presidential and Leadership Medal Nomination forms requesting the bio and brief summary of the nominee's service record, which is required by Lions Clubs International. The forms will be sent to these same people again by September 15th of each year. Included with these nomination forms will be specific information regarding the qualifications for these two International medals and a list of MD19 Lions who have received these medals in the past.

The completed TYPED nomination forms must be received in the MD19 Office on or before October 31st. Late entries, verbal nominations and nominations without summaries of the nominee's history of service will not be accepted. A Lion will only be considered for the specific medal for which that person was nominated.

4. Screening and Prioritization

The Screening and Prioritization Committee will be made up of the seated International Director and any Lions Clubs International budgeted past International Director from Multiple District 19. These Lions will meet on or before November 15th at a time and place set by the current or most recent Past International Director. Following the meeting, a prioritized list of the Presidential and Leadership Award nominees will be sent to the International President by FAX, email or mail with a cover letter signed by the current or most recent Past International Director.

5. Notification

The International Director will notify the District Governor of any District International Leadership and/or Presidential Award recipients as soon as he/she receives the information from Lions Clubs International.

6. Presentation

The International Leadership Award presentations will be made at the District Spring Conferences or any other auspicious event. It is the choice of the District Governor as to who will make the International Leadership Award presentation.

A nominee for an International Presidential Award, submitted by the District Governor may be presented during the District Spring Conference, during the MD19 Annual Convention or any other auspicious event, whichever the District Governor prefers. It is the choice of the District Governor as to who will make the International Presidential Award presentation for the person he/she nominated.

An International Presidential Award or International Leadership Award which has been received from or nominated by the seated International President or Director or the Immediate Past International President or Director may also be presented during the District Spring Conference, during the MD19 Annual Convention or any other auspicious event, whichever the person who made the nomination prefers. The selection of a presenter for the International Leadership Award or Presidential Award nominated by the seated International Director or Immediate Past International Director is the choice of the seated International Director or Immediate past International Director who has made the nomination. Any award received from the International President or Immediate Past International President should be presented by the seated International Director or Immediate Past International Director during the MD19 Annual Convention or at any other auspicious event.