



Excellence in Effort Award (Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action)

“I appeal to you Lions – you who have your sight, your hearing – you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

Helen Keller, June 30, 1925
Ninth Lions Clubs International Convention

The mission of the Lions Clubs International Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Program is: *“To provide programs and assistance to aid people who are blind and visually impaired, and to work at eliminating preventable and reversible blindness.”*

The award certificate should be presented to the (one) outstanding Lions club in the district who has demonstrated the most outstanding service in sight preservation, awareness and action. Examples of such service may include:

- Partnering with local eye care professionals or organizations to conduct vision, glaucoma and cataract screenings
- Working with local schools or preschools on vision screenings
- Presenting a community awareness program about eye health
- Promoting and supporting SightFirst
- Collecting used eyeglasses
- Participating in “Recycle for Sight Month” and “White Cane Week” (May), “Helen Keller Day” (June 1), “Lions World Sight Day” (2nd Thursday in October) and “White Cane Safety Day” (October), or “Lions Eye Bank Week” (1st week in December)
- Participating in the Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program
- Providing educational and support services for the blind
- Providing support to a recreation camp for adults or children with visual impairments
- Scholarships for blind or visually impaired students

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