

## **Anchor Award**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for the "Grass Root Lions" who are the anchors and stability of our association. The goal is to eliminate the club drop outs, by recognizing these Lions who put out special effort at the club level. All Lions will be eligible for this award that have put in at least 125 hours or more of service in any recognized Lion activity, except the following:

- Current Club Presidents
- Current Club Secretaries
- Current Zone Chairs
- Current Cabinet Secretaries
- Current Cabinet Treasurers
- Current Multiple District chairs
- Current District Governors
- Current Vice District Governors
- Past District Governors and Past Vice District Governors
- Current or Past International Officers or Directors

(District Chairs shall be considered for the Anchor Award at the discretion of the District Governor. Hours accumulated on district committee activities shall NOT be considered for the award.)

**RULES:** Each Lion should keep a record of all the hours they work on anything in conjunction with Lionism. These must be certified and dated by the club president or secretary. All hours counted must be actual and not estimated. Sleep and travel time are excluded in any of the hours counted toward the award. Fifty (50) points (hours) will be the maximum allowed for any one project or activity and total points (hours) must be accumulated from more than one activity or project. The club secretary shall collect each tally sheet, tabulate its points, and submit it to the District Governor or District Anchor Award chair by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to be eligible. The following is a partial list of functions which could count toward this award.

- Club Meetings
- Club Projects
- MD-35 Projects

- Lions International Projects
- Lion Training Seminars and Classes
- Zone and Cabinet Meetings
- Council of Governor's Conferences
- Inert-club Meetings
- Visitations to any Lions entities. (Leader Dog for the Blind, any Eye Bank, Conklin Center, Lions Clubs International, Southeastern Guide Dog, etc.)

The contest year shall run the Lionistic year, which runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year through June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The award can be earned only once in each year, but maybe awarded at any time during the contest period after completion of the hours required. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, all hours accumulated will be dropped and a new contest period shall begin.

SINCE THIS IS A CLUB AWARD, each club must order their award pins or tabs by sending a copy of the work sheet, and the order form with a check attached for the number of pins and tabs being ordered to the District Anchor Award chair, who shall, after recording for reporting purposes, take the checks and purchase the proper amount of pins and tabs from the Cabinet Secretary for the clubs. Cabinet Secretaries shall order Anchor Awards in sufficient numbers from the MD-35 Office Manager to furnish the Anchor Awards chair what is needed for the district. There shall be no Multiple District or District winner, as this is strictly a club award.

