

Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award

PURPOSE: The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award is designed to encourage participation of "Grass Root" Lions in each district and club and to select one from each district to be rewarded for outstanding dedication and contributions for their current calendar year efforts made to Lionism, and to be presented for a District award. The MD-35 Award is presented to the multiple district winner from among those district winners.

CONTEST PERIOD: The award shall cover the accomplishments realized only during the contest period from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year

ELIGIBILITY: All Lions whose membership is in a Lions Club of MD-35 are eligible except the following:

- Current or past District Governors
- Current or past Vice District Governors
- Cabinet secretaries and/or cabinet treasurers
- Current or past International Officers or Directors
- Also the spouse, partner-in-service, or anyone serving in that capacity of a District Governor, Vice District Governor, Council Chair, International Officers or Directors, Candidates for International Director or Higher, cabinet secretaries and/or treasurers, shall not be eligible during their spouses or partners term of office.

A Lion will lose their eligibility during any year in which they become a candidate for District Governor or Vice District Governor. If not successful in their bid for office, they shall regain their eligibility starting on January 1st following the MD-35 Convention. A cabinet secretary and/or treasurer shall regain their eligibility after their term of office concludes for the next contest period starting January 1st of the following year. The spouses or partners of any of the offices listed in the previous paragraph shall also regain their eligibility on the January 1st following their spouses or partners term of office.

NOMINATIONS: Each club may enter all eligible members. A zone chair may nominate a president of one of the clubs in their zone. A district drive director or a district committee chair may nominate one of their workers.

A recognized MD-35 Project may nominate an entrant, provided the entrant is not gainfully employed in the Lions activity for which credit will be claimed.

ENTRY SUBMISSION PROCEDURES: There shall be a cover letter, an entry form (Enclosure #1) and the supplemental information (Enclosure #2) prepared for the nominee. ONLY Approved Forms will be accepted for submission.

A cover letter shall be submitted on the nominee by the club, organization, or Lion who is submitting the nomination. **Only the cover letter should contain any information identifying the nominee, their club, their community, their county, or their district** and the cover letter will be retained by the MD-35 Office Manager. To preserve anonymity, **ALL** entries shall be submitted to the Multiple District office directly from the person submitting the form. No copies will be submitted to the District officers and/or district chairs.

The President must sign the cover letter, and one other Lion of the nominating club or organization, with a statement that all the facts contained therein are correct and true. The President shall not sign a cover letter submitting his or her own nomination; the secretary should sign that letter. The cover letter should identify the name of the Lion, their club, and their district.

The Cover letter from a Zone chair, district drive director, or a district committee chair must be signed by the nominating Lion and one other Lion with whom the nominated Lion is associated, and a statement that all the facts contained therein are correct and true. The nominated Lion shall not sign the cover letter that submits their nomination. The cover letter should identify the name of the Lion, their club and district.

The Standard Entry Form (Enclosure #1) shall be attached to the cover letter.

Supplemental information in expansion of the entry form will be on Enclosure #2 to the cover letter. Information presented in Enclosure #2 should present specific details. Additional comments relating to other community involvement and activities, which seem pertinent, are acceptable.

The entry form (Enclosure #1) and the supplemental information (enclosure #2) **SHOULD NOT** contain any information as to the nominee's name, club, district, county, or any other indication as to the nominee's identity.

The original copy of the entry is to be mailed to the MD-35 office. Note on the outside of the envelope "Crusader Entry". (Entries are **NOT** sent to the multiple district chair or district chairs by the submitter.)

All entries must be received in the MD-35 office no later than February 1st to be eligible for consideration.

Nominees may include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or card for the Office Manager to return, indicating receipt of the entry. It is highly recommended that the entry be sent by registered mail.

The Office Manager will inspect each entry to verify that the entry does not mention accomplishments from other than the current contest period. If such errors are found, the Office Manager will return the entry to the nominee for corrections. If the nominee desires to resubmit a revised entry, it must be received back in the MD-35 office by the same established deadlines of the section above.

Attendance of Council conferences, cabinet meetings, International and MD-35 conventions, USA/Canada Leadership Forums, etc., MAY NOT include travel (i.e. mileage) time, but may only include the actual hours attending official meetings, seminars, and other functions. MAY NOT include sleeping time and MAY NOT include airfare to such meetings.

Entries of the District winners and the MD-35 winner will be held in the MD-35 office and will be available for inspection by Lions of MD-35 upon request to the Council of Governors, and then only with their unanimous approval.

AWARD COMMITTEE: The MD-35 Office Manager will call for a meeting of all previous year Crusader Award winners (committee) on or before the Spring Conference, and will then compile all data and enter it into the program designed for the Crusader Award for each District. Each District's sitting Crusader Award winner will attest to the data entry for each respective district. If the sitting Crusader winner is unable to attend the meeting, the next immediate winner available may represent that District. Any District without representation to the meeting will be attested by two (2) other sitting winners/representatives attending within MD-35. No seated member of the Council of Governors can be a member of the District or Multiple District judging committee.

AWARDS: The Council of Governors shall be responsible for designating the type of awards, their selection, and how they will be procured. The district awards shall be presented to the recipients at the District luncheons held during the MD-35 Convention. The MD-35 Award shall be presented at the District Governor's Banquet at the MD-35 Convention.

AMENDMENTS: The rules of the Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award may be amended in part, or in whole, only by a majority vote of the Council of Governors at a called meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The Council of Governors shall determine the effective date of any changes or amendments.

JUDGING: A private room for judging with table and chairs will be provided for the judges use at the MD-35 Spring Conference. It is the responsibility of the committee to review the data and activities of all eligible candidates. The judging will be based on Level Points allocated in each Level of the program with respect to categories in hours and personal service served. The Levels Points are: 40-Club, 30-District, 20-MD, and 10-International*.

SCORING: Category scores are established by Hours served Total Allocated Points for Hours are used to achieve a final score.

Example: Club

Number of Hours = Total Allocated Points Hours

Total Hours Points = Total Allocated Club Points

This process is done on each Level with points allocated and totaled to give each entrant an overall total score. A worksheet for judging will be included with each submission for use by the judges on both the District and Multiple District levels.

If only one entrant from a district, that submission along with a blank worksheet will be sent with other district winners for judging at the MD-35 level. Worksheets are to be dated and signed by each judge and attached to the appropriate submission and returned to the MD-35 Office as outlined in the rules. Only these criteria will be accepted for judging!

Points for scoring nominees will be provided to the committee by the Office Manager as established by the Council of Governors. Official forms are to be included in this Policy Manual. Only those District nominees for whom a completed Crusader Award form was submitted to the MD-35 office will be considered for the MD-35 award. The winner will not be announced and will remain confidential to the MD-35 Office Manager until the award is presented at the District and Multiple District conventions, respectively.

The committee will assure, if they should surmise the winner from their entries being judged, that no one learns of the decision and name, except the MD-35 Office Manager.

Upon concluding the winners, the Office Manager shall arrange to have the award plates and the inscription on the plate(s) prepared for presentation at the MD-35 convention. The Office Manager will assure that no one else learns of the identity of the district winners until after the district luncheon at the MD-35 Convention.

The membership shall be informed of any amendments by publication in the MD-35 Florida and The Bahamas Lions Magazine and/or such other means as the Council of Governor may approve.

Cover Letter for the Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award

NOMINEE: _____

CLUB: _____

DISTRICT: _____

If a Lions Club makes the nomination:

To the best of our knowledge, the information contained on this entry form and the supplementary forms are true and correct.

NOMINATING CLUB: _____

PRESIDENTS NAME: _____

PRESIDENTS SIGNATURE: _____

LION WITNESS NAME: _____

LIONS WITNESS SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Club Level Accomplishments & Contributions

During this contest period, this Lion has:

Served in _____ club offices
Secured _____ eye donor cards or eyeglasses
Secured _____ Hearing Aids
Sponsored _____ new Lions
Reactivated _____ Lions that had dropped out of Lionism

Worked faithfully on the following club committees:

	Hours
Club Improvement	_____
Leo Club	_____
Youth Work	_____
Bulletin/Newsletter	_____
Drug Awareness	_____
Projects	_____
Convention	_____
Membership	_____
Sight	_____
Greeter	_____
Programs	_____
Diabetes	_____
Attendance	_____
Public Relations	_____
Hearing	_____
Eye Donor	_____
Budget	_____
Visitations	_____
Lion Information	_____

Club Level Accomplishments & Contributions (Continued)

Hours

Specify Other

1) _____

2) _____

Sub Total

Has done outstanding work in:

1) _____

2) _____

Sub Total

Wrote published articles

Published pictures of Lions activities/events

Spoke to outside groups on Lionism

Sub Total

Total Club

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District Accomplishments & Contributions

During this contest period, this Lion has:

Hours

Served on these District Committees

Filled positions on the District Cabinet

Attended _____ Zone Meetings

Attended _____ District Meetings

Specify Others:

Sub Total

District Projects Worked on:

Governors Achievement Award

Convention

Golden Chair Award

Youth Exchange

Inter-Club Relations

Specify Others:

Sub Total

Total District

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Multiple District Accomplishments & Contributions

Attended Council of Governor Conferences _____

Attended MD-35 Convention _____

MD-35 Projects/Activities Worked on:

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind _____

Conklin Center _____

Lions Eye Bank (Miami) _____

North Florida Lions Eye Bank _____

Southeastern Guide Dogs _____

Leader Dog for the Blind _____

LCIF _____

Dog Guides for the Deaf _____

Diabetes Awareness _____

Total MD-35 _____

International Accomplishments & Contributions

Has attended:

International Convention _____

USA-Canada Forum _____

Lions Leadership Seminars _____

Other Leadership Training _____

International Projects/Activities Worked on:

Total International _____

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Applicant # _____

JUDGING: it is the responsibility of the committee to review the data and activities of all eligible candidates. The judging will be based on level points allocated in each level of the program with respect to categories in hours and personal service served.

The Level Points are: 40 – Club; 30 – District; 20 – Multiple District; and 10 – International

ONLY THIS CRITERIA WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE JUDGING OF ENTRANTS

Club Level Accomplishments and Contributions

Hours _____ X 40 Points = _____

_____ Hours **Total Allocated Club Points**

District Level Accomplishments and Contributions

Hours _____ X 30 Points = _____

_____ Hours **Total Allocated District Points**

Multiple District Level Accomplishments and Contributions

Hours _____ X 20 Points

_____ Hours **Total Allocated MD-35 Points**

International Level Accomplishments and Contributions

Hours _____ X 10 Points

_____ Hours **Total Allocated International Points**

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Applicant # _____

This process is done on each level with points allocated and totaled to give each entrant an overall score

Total Club Hours _____

Total District Hours _____

Total MD-35 Hours _____

Total International Hours _____

Total Allocated Points for Hours _____

Total Allocated Points for Hours achieve a final score

Total Allocated Points for Entrant _____

The following judges have checked this submission for accuracy and compliance with the rules of the contest.

DATE: _____

Signature: _____ District _____

Signature: _____ District _____

Signature: _____ District _____

Signature: _____ District _____

Signature (MD-35 Committee Chairperson on MD-35 judging level):
