ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CHAIN

(The Order of the Golden Chain is a Multiple District 35 Award. The award criteria and the application for the award can be found on the District 35 Lions of Florida and the Bahamas website

<u>www.lionsofflorida.org</u> under "Awards-Rewards of Service" .

The application must be signed by the nominees home club president and secretary.

Completed applications should be sent to the MD Awards Chairperson listed on the MD Website.

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Award Overview

ELIGIBILITY: Any Lion who completes the following requirements between January 1st and December 31st, shall earn the Golden Chain Award. The award may be earned each year the qualifications are met.

REQUIREMENTS: The Order of the Golden Chain contains two important parts. Part I includes five (5) activities that are mandatory. Part II lists twenty (20) activities a Lion may participate in. To qualify, a Lion must complete all five (5) mandatory activities in Part I and eleven (11) of the options in part II.

PART I - THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE MANDATORY:

A. Attend a minimum of 75% of their regular club meetings during the period. Missed meetings may be made up by attendance at a local board of directors meeting or at meetings of other Lions Clubs.

B. Sign up a new member and help them become an active member.

- C. Attend a local board of directors meeting.
- D. Be active as a local committee member.
- E. Attend a Zone, Cabinet, or Council of Governors meeting.

PART II - THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE OPTIONS - Must complete 11 of the 20 listed.

- Serve as an active local chair of an internal or external committee.
- 2. Submit a complete plan for a new project to the local board of directors

 Serve as a local officer or director OR visit one of Florida's two Lions Eye Banks.
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- 4. Write an acceptable article for publication covering some phase of a project activity for local or state publication, such as The Lions of Florida and Grand Bahamas magazine, radio, TV, etc.
- 5.. Attend a Council of Governors Conference in addition to required activities OR visit the Conklin Center.
- 6. Attend a Zone or District Meeting in addition to the required activity in Part 1.
- 7.. Send five (5) eye wills to an eye bank.
- 8., Serve as a speaker at a non-Lion meeting in support of a Lions project OR make a second official visitation to a regular meeting of another club.
- 9. Serve as a member of a successful expansion team and make three (3) visitations within the qualification period after the club is chartered, OR, visit an Eye Bank.
- 10. Serve as a district chair, co-chair or vice chair OR attend a zone meeting in another zone.
- 11. Serve as a cabinet officer OR participate in an activity determined by the local club in addition to other options.
- 12. Reactivate a dropped member OR have perfect attendance for the period with make-up rules effective.

- 13. Introduce a prospect to a club, sign them up, and help them become an active Lion. (This must be in addition to the mandatory section.)
- 14. Visit a regular membership meeting of another club as part of an official visitation team.
- 15. Participate in the presentation of an orientation program.
- 16. Give invocation or benediction at a Lions meeting or lead the club in singing "America" or the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.
- 17. Contribute a pint of blood to a Lions blood bank or get some else to contribute OR attend a second board of directors meeting.
- 18. Attend an eye bank meeting or the Florida Lions Foundation board of directors meeting.
- 19. Participate in an activity determined by the local Lions Club.