

LCIF Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is a public, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation formed under Section 501 (c) (3) of USA Internal Revenue Code. It is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. The foundation was incorporated June 13, 1968, in the United States. LCIF receives donations from Lions, and others, and through careful disbursement, uses those funds to help meet crucial needs of communities worldwide.

LCIF Objectives

LCIF has three major objectives:

- Humanitarian Services
- Vocational Assistance
- Major Disaster Relief

LCIF Administration

The foundation is governed by a board of trustees composed of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors plus two members appointed by the international president, one of whom must be a past international president. The immediate past international president always serves as chairman of the foundation.

Helping People – LCIF’s Service to Humanity

LCIF serves the world community through its grants programs. Standard grants are made in three categories: Humanitarian Services, Vocational Assistance and Disaster Relief. Humanitarian Services grants are often used to construct a school, a hospital, or to purchase medical equipment. Vocational Assistance grants to districts help the underprivileged and disabled learn skills that improve their economic and social well-being. Disaster Relief grants help rebuild and restore necessary facilities and services following a natural disaster.

LCIF SightFirst grants are funded by donations restricted for Campaign SightFirst. SightFirst grants are funding projects that respond to major causes of blindness at national or large regional levels, and target populations that would not otherwise receive eye care services.

How to Contribute

Contributions can be mailed directly to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
300 22nd Street

Oak Brook, Illinois 60521-8842, USA or through your district LCIF chairman.

Planned Giving

Many Lions like to remember the foundation in their estate planning. Some gifts are large and some are small. Together, they ensure that LCIF will continue its mission of service well into the future.

In making a testamentary gift, an individual's will should include appropriate language, much as to the following:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lions Clubs International Foundation, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Illinois, with the principal office at 300 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL (Sum of the bequest) to be used for the charitable purposes of the foundation."

Recognition Program for Individuals

Contributing Membership: Anyone contributing US \$10 or more, unrestricted, to the foundation, will be recognized as a Contributing Member for that year, and receive a lapel pin. This is an excellent way to demonstrate personal annual support for LCIF

LCIF Honor Roll: With a contribution of at least \$100., unrestricted, an individual's name is added to the LCIF Honor Roll, An Honor Roll Certificate is issued in the name of the individual receiving the recognition.

Melvin Jones Fellowship: The Melvin-Jones Fellowship is the greatest recognition that Lions Clubs International Foundation can bestow. It is presented only to individuals who make personal, unrestricted contributions of 1,000. Or more and to individuals in whose name such contributions are made. All Melvin Jones Fellows receive an engraved walnut plaque and a special lapel pin. The Progressive Program is an avenue by which many Melvin Jones Fellows choose to extend their commitment to humanitarian causes. For a gift of \$1,000- \$60,000., in addition to the initial \$1,000. Donation, fellows receive a diamond, sapphire or ruby lapel pin, to recognize the level of giving to the Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive Program. A special luncheon for Melvin Jones Fellows is held at every international convention.

Important: Personal, club or district donations toward the Melvin Jones Fellowship may be made in a single payment or in a series of payments of at least \$100. Over a five-year period. If a district's donation is composed of smaller donations from clubs, individuals, etc., each donor should concur that his or her contribution is to be used for the purpose of naming a specific fellow. If a single check is written for such a donation, an accurate list of donors and their contributions should be sent at the same time.

Annual Awards

Each of these awards is presented automatically at the time of qualification or at the end of the Lions year.

Certificate of Appreciation to Clubs: Presented when a club's restricted and unrestricted LCIF contributions, during one fiscal year, equal or exceed an average of \$5./ member.

100 Percent Banner Patch: If all the members of a club become Contributing Members to LCIF during one fiscal year, that club will receive the LCIF Banner Patch and Chevron. After receipt of the patch, clubs so honored in succeeding years will receive a chevron with the appropriate dates.

Club Plaque: Clubs that ,ale an unrestricted donation of \$1,000. or more, in one payment, and which receive no other form of recognition (Honor Roll, MJF, etc.), will be awarded the LCIF Plaque.

100% Melvin Jones Fellowship banner is presented to clubs when all current members are MJF's. Clubs can receive yearly chevrons for which this requirement is recertified.

Diamond Banner Patch is given when all MJF's achieve 1-diamond Progressive MJF status.

100% Certificate to District Governor: Presented to governors of districts in which all Lions clubs have made a donation to LCIF during the year.

100% Certificate to LCIF Chairmen: Presented to LCIF chairmen of districts in which all Lions clubs have made a donation to LCIF during the year.

Top Ten District Certificate to LCIF Chairman: Presented to the LCIF chairmen of the top ten districts in LCIF donations for the year.

Certificate of Appreciation: Presented by the Chairman of the LCIF Board of Trustees to any individual whose service in furthering the objectives of LCIF is deemed outstanding and worthy of special recognition.