



Membership opportunities

A quick-reference guide to membership options for new Lions.

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. To help clubs recruit new members, Lions Clubs International offers several membership options to community members who want to volunteer and serve their communities as Lions.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

In addition to regular membership, Lions International offers special membership programs for families, college students, former Leos and young adults.

New member

New members pay an entrance fee of US\$35 or must submit the proper waiver certification form. International dues will be billed on a semi-annual basis. Additional district, multiple district and club dues may apply. Please refer to the Charter Application Checklist (TK-40) for current dues rates.

Transfer member

Transfer members in good standing pay no entrance fee when transferring to an existing club within 12 months. Transfer members in good standing pay a US\$20 charter fee when transferring into a new club being chartered.

Family member

The Family Membership Program provides families with the opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they join a Lions club together. The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues, and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues. All family members pay the one-time charter fee of US\$35. Please refer to the Charter Application Checklist (TK-40) for current dues rates.

The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents.

Family membership is limited to no more than five qualifying members per household, and new clubs must have a minimum of ten full-paying members. Same-household residency is not required for family members under age 26 if they are pursuing higher education or serving in their country's military.

Student member

Students between the age of legal majority and through age 30 joining any type of Lions club qualify for the Student Member Program and pay no charter fee and half international dues. Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club pay a US\$10 charter fee and full international dues.

Submit the Student Member Certification Form (STU-5) for each student.

Current or former Leo

Current or former Leos seeking membership through the age of 35, who have served as a Leo for at least a year and a day, pay half international dues and receive an entrance/charter fee waiver under the Leo-Lion membership program. Leo-Lion should be selected as the membership type in the Lion Portal.

Leos over age 35 who have served as a Leo for at least a year and a day receive an entrance/charter fee waiver.

Young adult

Young adults, through age 30, receive a charter fee waiver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo Lions club with at least 10 former Leos. Submit the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Transfer Form (LL-2).

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

For prospective members who may not be able to meet the obligations of active membership, Lions International offers several membership categories to fit their needs.

Active member

Active membership is the “typical” category of Lions membership. Active members who meet all requirements of Lions membership receive all benefits.

Affiliate member

An affiliate member is someone who is not able to participate as an active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives.

Associate member

An associate member has active membership in one Lions club and associate membership in a second club in their community of residence or employment.

Honorary member

An honorary members is not a member of the Lions club but may be granted honorary membership by a Lions club for having performed outstanding service.

Life member

A life member is a Lion who has maintained active membership for at least 20 years, or at least 15 years if the member has reached age 70. Life membership may also be granted to a Lion who is critically ill.

Member-at-large

A member-at-large is a member of a club who is unable to regularly attend club meetings but desires to retain membership in the club.

Privileged member

A privileged member is a Lion who has been a member 15 or more years but must relinquish active status because of illness, infirmity, advanced age or other reason.

Active	Dues			Dist. or int'l office	Voting Privileges	Dist. or int'l conv. delegate
	Club	Dist.	Int'l			
Active	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affiliate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Club matters only	No
Associate*	Yes	No	No	No	Club matters only	No
Honorary	No	Club pays	Club pays	No	No	No
Life	Yes	Yes	One-time US\$650	Yes	Yes	Yes
Member-at-Large	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Club matters only	No
Privileged	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		

* Detailed information regarding the obligations, rights and privileges of all membership categories can be found in the *Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws*.



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