



Annual West Virginia Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Scholarship Contest

Rules and Procedures

A. Objectives:

- To serve the first objective of Lionism:” To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.”
- To encourage West Virginia youth to experience cultures of other countries by cultural youth exchange arranged by Lions, which includes a 4 week stay with one or more host families which may or may not include a youth camp.
- To encourage West Virginia families to host youth from other countries through the Lions International Youth Camps and Exchange program.

B. Winners Receive:

- Six applicants will receive \$1,700 travel grants. Alternates will be selected. `

NOTE: THE TRAVEL GRANTS MAY NOT COVER ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES OR CAMP COSTS

C. Eligibility:

- All youth fulfilling the following conditions are encourage to enter the scholarship contest
- Enrolled in high school or home study, grades 10-12, or a recent graduate
- Ages 16-21 years of age by June 1, 2026
- A resident of West Virginia.

D. Contest Time Frame:

- The scholar contest begins on September 1, 2025. All entries must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2025.
- **NO EMAIL OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

E. Interviews:

- Interviews will be held on November 15, 2025 at 9:00 am
- Interviews will be held either in Flatwoods or the Clarksburg

F. Entry forms with essays and two sealed recommendation letters are to be mailed to:

**WV Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Contest
c/o Henry Krautwurst
P. O. Box 308
Capon Springs, WV 26823**

G. Restrictions:

- A youth who has previously traveled on a grant through this program, is ineligible to enter again
- Exchange trips take place between mid-June and mid-August
- Travel grants may only be used in connection with a Lions Youth Exchange travel and expenses.
- The youth **MUST** return to their home at the end of the trip. They may not, without written permission from the parents, travel to another location.
- Acceptance of a travel grant constitutes an agreement by both the youth and the parents to these restrictions and rules as outlined herein.

H. Youth Responsibilities:

- During the exchange, the youth should be prepared to: act as a representative of Lions Clubs International, the USA., West Virginia, their home community and to abide by the host family customs and rules as well as the of any youth camp attended.
- During the exchange the youth should be prepared to speak, in English, for 15-20 minutes to a local Lions club about themselves, life in the US and in West Virginia and their experiences so far.
- Upon returning home the youth should contact a local or sponsoring Lions Club to make a presentation about their trip and experiences. Try to include pictures in your presentation.
- Upon returning home the youth shall prepare a 1–2-page written synopsis of their trip to be submitted to the Youth Exchange Chairman within three weeks of their return.