

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is a generous way to show commitment to the humanitarian work of LCIF and further support the Foundation.

The MJF Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. The MJF is a recognition of donations of US\$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

New MJFs receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donation credit to recognize another individual with an MJF.



The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Program

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. Like MJFs, donors can recognize another individual with PMJF donations.

Areas of Giving

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will now be able to help more people than ever before. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) eligibility now includes donations to five special program areas. Donors will now be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to:

- **Area of Greatest Need:** Supports all program areas and allows LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.
- **Disaster:** Enables LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief. The Foundation will be able to immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief, rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months.
- **Sight:** Funds seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.
- **Youth:** Supports the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.
- **Humanitarian Needs:** Funds projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

Funding directed to “Area of Greatest Need” provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any program within the four general areas. Donors are encouraged to consider this opportunity when making a gift.

Restrictions beyond these five special areas will be honored by LCIF, but will not be eligible for MJF or PMJF credit.

For example, a donation that is restricted to a specific disaster, such as an earthquake or tornado in a particular region, will not be eligible for credit toward an MJF or PMJF.



Did you know...

- Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition. MJF applications using collective donations from multiple donors must be accompanied by written consent from all donors to use their donations for MJF recognition for the individual specified on the application.
- Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual.
- Melvin Jones Fellowships do not need to be paid in full at one time; minimum installments to LCIF of US\$100 can be paid over a five-year period to total US\$1,000, at which time the MJF Application is completed.
- Complete the MJF application on reverse side or download from www.lcif.org and submit with payment. If MJF payment has already been credited by LCIF, you can submit the MJF application online under the Ways to Give section at www.lcif.org.