

West Virginia Lions Youth Camps & Exchange District 29-L

P. O. Box 308 Capon Springs, WV 26823

September 10, 2024



Dear Guidance Counselor:

On behalf of the West Virginia Lions Youth Camp & Exchange Committee, we have enclosed a copy of the Rules and Entry Form for our Annual Lions Youth Exchange Contest.

Briefly, a travel grant provides funds for students in grades 10-12, ages 16-21 or a recent graduate toward a four-week cultural exchange to Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru, Germany, France, Australia or another country of choice during the summer of 2025. Six grants of \$1,700 will be awarded and perhaps more if funds are available.

The contest deadline is November 15, 2024. The rules explain everything in further detail. We especially encourage students who enter to pay particular attention to the essay.

The Lions of West Virginia rely heavily on the guidance counselors in each high school to get the word out about this program. Please make additional copies of the application and contest rules as needed and let your students know about this great opportunity. We encourage you to post on your school's bulletin boards & website. The forms are also available on our West Virginia Lions website at: www.wvlions.org/youth.html (Click on Youth Exchange Scholarship Application or rules.)

You may contact me for more details if you have any questions about the contest or about the Youth Exchange Program. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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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, 2025
- A resident of West Virginia.

D. Contest Time Frame:

- The scholar contest begins on September 20, 2024. All entries must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2024.
- NO EMAIL OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

E. Interviews:

- Interviews will be held on December 7, 2024 at 10:00 am
- Interviews will be held either in Flatwoods or the Morgantown
- Flatwoods is about the middle of the state



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ENTRY FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Date of Birth			/2024
High School	constraints		
Parent(s)/Guardian	1		
Parent/Guardian I	Email		
Student Email:			
Circle Country of C	Choice: Finland J	apan Italy Peru Germany	France Australia
		Other choices if arrangements	
Please answer the following qu	estions:		
Do you understand that this e classes?	Yes	No	
2. Do you understand that if you	u win this award, the	e money may only be used for	travel expenses for the Lions
Club exchange? Yes 3. Do you understand that if you approved through the Lions (ı win this award yo	a will reside with a host family ntry? Yes No	or families that will have been
4. Are you willing, if asked, to	visit a Lions Club o		pon your return to West
5. Are you prepared to represen			
6. in an appropriate manner? Y	es No		
7. Would your family be willi	ng to host a foreig	gn exchange student next ye	ar? Yes No
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date

Media Release Form

I give permission to the Lions of West Virginia to use the following of my child						
0	a picture	Yes	No			
0	a you-tube video	Yes	No			
•	audio recording	Yes	No			
0	in any publication	Yes	No			
•	on the internet	Yes	No			
solely as it relates to the Youth Camps and Exchange program.						
Parent or Guardian Signature			Date			
This form MUST be completed and returned as part of the application.						