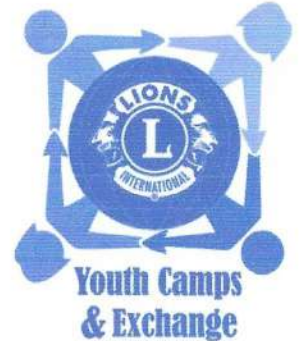




West Virginia Lions
Youth Camps & Exchange
District 29-I

P. O. Box 308
Capon Springs, WV 26823

September 1, 2020



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 to six-week cultural exchange to Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru, Germany, France, Australia or another country of choice during the summer of 2021. Six grants of \$1,400 will be awarded and perhaps more if funds are available.

The contest deadline is November 13, 2020. 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 peoples of the world."
- To encourage West Virginia youth to experience cultures of other countries by cultural youth exchange arranged by Lions, which includes a 4-6 week stay with one or more host families and may 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:

The winning applicants will receive a \$1,400 travel scholarship. Others may be awarded if funds are available. Alternates will be selected.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL NOT COVER ALL YOUR EXPENSES OR CAMP COSTS

C. Eligibility: All youth fulfilling the following conditions are encouraged to enter the scholarship contest:

- Enrolled in high school or home study, grades 10-12, or a recent graduate.
- Age 16-21 years of age by June 1, 2021
- A resident of West Virginia.

Please note that students who do not win a travel scholarship may still participate in the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program, at their own expense.

Contest Time Frame

The scholarship Contest begins on September 1, 2020. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 13, 2020. No email entries or late entries will be accepted

- E. Youth will be asked to come for interviews at Braxton Middle School in Sutton, WV at 10:00 am on December 5, 2020.

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

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

E. Restrictions:

- If a youth has previously won a travel scholarship through this program, he/she is not eligible to enter again.
- The youth and parents will agree to conform to the WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program rules as set forth herein.
- Travel scholarships may only be used in connection with a Lions youth exchange.
- Exchange trips take place between mid-June and mid- August.

F. Youth Responsibilities:

- During the overseas exchange, winning 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 his/her experiences thus far.
- After the trip, the youth should be prepared to make a brief presentation to the sponsoring Lions Club or another club near his/her community.
- After the trip the youth should prepare a 1 – 2 page written essay about their trip to be submitted to the Chair of the Youth Exchange program within 3 weeks of their return home.
- During the exchange, youth should be prepared to act as a representative of Lions Clubs International, their community, West Virginia and the USA and to abide by the host family customs and rules as well as that of any youth camp attended.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your entry.

More information about Lions Clubs and the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program can be found at www.wvlions.org and www.lionsclubs.org and click on Youth Programs/Youth Camps and Exchange.

If you have any questions, you may contact a member of the WV Lions Youth Exchange Committee below:

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Annual WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Scholarship Contest

ENTRY FORM Please Print Clearly

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELLPHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ GRADE as of 9/1/20 _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN _____

EMAIL: _____

Circle Country of Choice: Finland Japan Italy Peru Germany France Australia

This grant may not cover all travel costs. Other choices if arrangements can be made with the country

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you understand that this exchange opportunity is cultural and that you will not be required to work or attend classes? Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you understand that if you win this award the money may only be used for travel expenses for the Lions Club exchange? Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you understand that if you win this award you will reside with a host family or families that will have been approved through the Lions Club in the host country? Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you willing, if asked, to visit a Lions Club overseas as well as visit a club/clubs upon your return to West Virginia? Yes _____ No _____
5. Are you prepared to represent your state/country in an appropriate manner? Yes _____ No _____
6. Would your family be willing to host a foreign exchange student next year? Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Please list some information below about yourself: (use a separate sheet – **Must Be Typed**)

School Activities: Other Interests:

Honors/Awards: Future plans:

On a separate sheet, please type an essay (no more than one page) to explain why you want to participate in the Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Program.

YOU MUST INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION TWO SEALED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Other Important Information:

1. All youth who travel must obtain (at their expense) a passport, if they do not have a current one.
2. Travel, Medical and Liability insurance is required.
3. Must agree to complete a **TYPED** application (one designated by youth committee) in order to participate.
4. Must include passport size picture, photo of family and a brief typed letter of introduction to prospective host family.
5. Host family or families are arranged in the spring and the total trip takes place in mid-June to early August for 4-6 weeks.
6. One or more families and a YOUTH CAMP MAY be part of the trip. Some Youth Camps charge a fee to attend.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY November13, 2020.

Please send to Lion Henry Krautwurst, P.O. B.308, Capon Springs, WV 26823

No email applications will be accepted.

Media Release Form

I give permission to the Lions of West Virginia to use:

- a picture Yes___ No___
- a you-tube video Yes___ No___
- audio recording of my child Yes___ No___
- 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.