

## 2025-2026 Excellence Awards updates

These prestigious awards are available at four levels—club, zone, region and district.

Clubs must earn a Club Excellence Award as a prerequisite for Excellence Awards at the zone, region and district level.

Applications will not be necessary for the 2025-2026 award cycle. Awards will be distributed by Lions International to clubs that meet the updated criteria and eligibility requirements. You will find these listed below.

### Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

- **Membership:** Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.  
Or sponsor a new Lions club.
- **Service:** Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service.
- **Leadership:** Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.  
A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses  
in the Lions Learning Center.  
The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.

A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between May 1 – December 31.

- Donations: Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.

## Zone, region and district criteria

Earning the Club Excellence Award is key to becoming eligible for the Zone, Region and District Excellence Awards. These awards will be distributed based on meeting criteria for each category.

### Zone Excellence Award

The Zone Excellence Award recognizes outstanding Zone Chairpersons who cultivate growth and excellence within their clubs. To qualify, 60% of the clubs within the zone must earn the Club Excellence Award.

### District Excellence Award

The District Excellence Award recognizes District Governors who drive exceptional growth, leadership and community impact. To qualify, 50% or more of the clubs within the district must earn the Club Excellence Award, demonstrating commitment to Lions International core principles.

## The road to excellence

Increase your chances of earning an award by increasing your level of service through engagement in activities that promote Lions excellence.