

LEO OF THE YEAR CONTEST

2025 – 2026

Contest Period: July 1, 2025 – February 21, 2026

Submission Deadline: **March 6, 2026**

Contest Chair: CS Mark Steffens

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Entry Information: These rules apply to candidates for Region and District LEO of the Year. Any LEO of District 4-C5 may enter the District LEO of the Year competition.

Criteria: LEOS to be considered for this prestigious award must have completed the following criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership by holding LEO Officer positions. Leadership positions must be reported in Lion Portal.
- Achieved a superior record as a LEO in implementing successful service projects.
- Made an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the LEO Club program by recruitment of four (4) LEO members.
- Achieved distinction in community or school activities outside of LEO Commitments.

Essay: Summarize the four (4) criteria listed above in a single page (size 12 font) essay.

Nomination: Nomination must be approved by LEO Club Advisor.

Judging: The points scored and the description in the essay will be used with equal weight as a basis of judgment. The panel of judges will be appointed by the District Governor. The panel of judges will select three finalists from all nominations received. The Final selection of the LEO of the Year will be chosen by the District Governor.

This award will be presented at the District Convention in April 2026.

Scoresheet below must be submitted.

LEO OF THE YEAR CONTEST AWARD FORM 2025 - 2026

CLUB NAME _____

NOMINEE _____

#	ITEM	MAXIMUM POINTS	POINTS EARNED
1	Participation: A LEO who participates in all Club activities, shall earn 10 points per activity	10 each	
2.	New Members: New members brought into LEOs during the contest year by candidate. Each new member is equal to 20 points for a maximum of 100 points	100	
3.a	Attendance: 5 points for Each Club Board meeting attended, maximum of 60 points	60	
3.b	Attendance: Maintain 100% attendance during the contest year, maximum of 125 points	125	
3.c	Attendance: 10 points for each Zone & Cabinet meeting attended	60	
3.d	Attendance: 20 points for each USA /Canada Forum, District, MD-4 or International Convention attended. 80 points maximum.	80	
4.a	Projects: 25 points for each club project chaired by nominee	25 each	
4.b	Projects: 10 points for each club project served on committee by nominee	10 each	
5.	Other Club Activities: 5 points of each visitation, social function or other club activity attended. Maximum of 150 points	150	
6.	LEOism: Exemplifies LEOism	25	
TOTAL POINTS EARNED			

Please accept this nomination for LEO of the Year. The signatures of the Club President and a majority of the Board of Directors verify the qualification of this nominee. **The completed points form to be accompanied by the one-page, double-spaced essay referencing the points and the nominee’s exemplary service and Lionism spirit is required.**

CLUB PRESIDENT SIGNATURE _____

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LEO CLUB PRESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2025 – 2026

Contest Period: July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Submission Deadline: June 6, 2026

Contest Chair: CS Mark Steffens
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Criteria: All LEO Club Presidents will be awarded this award if the following criteria are met:

- The LEO Club President must have personally sponsored 2 or more new members into the LEO Club.
- The LEO Club must ensure that all members are reported to Lions Club International through Lion Portal.
- The LEO Club must have conducted at least one service activity and reported it through Lion Portal.
- The LEO Club must have conducted one fundraising project with substantial club participation.
- The LEO Club must have conducted one joint project with the sponsoring Lions Club.
- Club officers must be reported to Lions Portal prior to July 1st.
- The LEO Club President must certify that all new members have had proper orientation and are assigned to a working activity or service committee.

Nomination: The LEO Club President must have been recommended by the LEO Club advisor to the sponsoring Lions Club President, who will certify that the LEO Club President has met all requirements

The scoresheet with the necessary signatures must be completed and submitted by June 6, 2026 for consideration.

LEO CLUB PRESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM

2025 - 2026

CLUB NAME _____

NOMINEE _____

#	ITEM	Achieved (x)
1.	President personally sponsored 2 or more new members into the LEO Club.	
2.	The LEO Club must ensure that all members are reported to Lions Clubs International through Lion Portal.	
3.	The LEO Club must have conducted at least one service activity and reported it through Lion Portal.	
4.	The LEO Club must have conducted one fundraising project with substantial club participation.	
5.	The LEO Club must have conducted one joint project with the sponsoring Lions Club.	
6.	Club officers must be reported to Lion Portal prior to July 1 st .	
7.	The LEO Club President must certify that all new members have had proper orientation and are assigned to a working activity or service committee.	

I, LEO Club President, hereby certify that all new members have had proper orientation and are assigned to a working activity or service.

LEO CLUB PRESIDENT SIGNATURE _____

I, Lions Club President, hereby certify that the LEO Club President has met all the requirements above.

LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT SIGNATURE _____

LEO CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

2025 - 2026

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Submission Deadline: June 6, 2026

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- Submissions must be written on a single page in Times New Roman, 12-point font.
- All projects or events must take place during the contest period (July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026).
- Supporting documentation may not exceed two additional pages.

Awarded to the LEOS Club whose community service project benefits its community. This project involves time, planning, and the involvement of a majority of its members and may include monetary considerations. Supporting documents must be included (newspaper article, photos, letter, community recognition, etc.)

Nomination must be approved by the LEO Club Advisor and the Sponsoring Lions Club President.

LEO CLUB ADVISOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

2025 - 2026

Contest Period: July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Submission Deadline: June 6, 2026

Contest Chair: CS Mark Steffens

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Criteria: LEO Club Advisor must have:

- Prepared and implemented an on-going leadership development program for members of the LEO Club and guided LEO Club officers in fulfilling their leadership functions.
- Motivated LEO Club members to be service-minded and promote fellowship.
- Regularly attended LEO Club meetings, fostered a healthy rapport and communication between the LEOS and the sponsoring Lions Club, and kept Lions Club members informed on the status and progress of the LEO Club through regular reports.
- Actively assisted the LEO Club in conducting major service and fundraising projects.
- Promoted the LEO Club's participation in District activities or in activities with other LEO Clubs.

Nomination: Nomination must be made by the LEO Club President and approved by the sponsoring Lions Club President.

Scoresheet below must be submitted by June 6, 2026.

LEO CLUB ADVISOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FORM

2025 - 2026

CLUB NAME _____

NOMINEE _____

#	ITEM	Achieved (x)
1	The LEO Club Advisor prepared and implemented an on-going leadership development program for members of the LEO Club and guided LEO Club officers in fulfilling their leadership functions.	
2.	The LEO Club Advisor motivated LEO Club members to be service-minded and promote fellowship.	
3.	The LEO Club Advisor regularly attended LEO Club meetings, fostered a healthy rapport and communication between the LEOS and the sponsoring Lions Club, and kept Lions Club members informed on the status and progress of the LEO Club through regular reports.	
4.	The LEO Club Advisor actively assisted the LEO Club in conducting major service and fundraising projects.	
5.	The LEO Club Advisor promoted the LEO Club's participation in District activities or in activities with other LEO Clubs.	

LEO CLUB PRESIDENT SIGNATURE _____

SPONSORING LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT _____