

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Every year Lions Clubs International allocates Presidential and International Leadership Awards to multiple districts based on their total current membership count. These two Awards are in addition to the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** whose recipient(s) is nominated by the District Governor and is presented at the Spring Conference. The Presidential and International Leadership Awards are traditionally presented at the Multiple District 19 Annual Convention or a District Conference. The current or most recent International Director sends the nominations to Lions Clubs International.

The following is a description of these two Awards as found in the Lions Clubs International Policy Manual:

Presidential Award. The International President may present one Presidential Award for each 3,500 members as of January 1, of his year in office. This Award shall consist of a medal and a chest ribbon of a design approved by the International President and shall be accompanied by a suitable letter.

International Leadership Award. The International President may present an appropriate medal to those Lions who, in his judgement, have made a significant leadership contribution during his year in office. He may present one award for every 2,000 members as of January 1, of his term in office.

The criteria for selecting the nominees for MD 19 are as follows:

1. Minimum Number of Years of Service

To be nominated for an International Leadership Award, the nominee should have served for a minimum of three (3) years in a role of leadership in the District or Multiple District. (Being a Leadership Chairperson is not required).

To be nominated for a Presidential Award, the nominee should have served for a minimum of five (5) years promoting and/or providing leadership in the District or Multiple District.

2. Maximum Number of Awards

The maximum number of Awards that will be submitted to Lions Clubs International in any one year by Multiple District 19 are the number of awards allowed by Lions Clubs International.

Each person will only be awarded one Presidential Award and one International Leadership Award in a lifetime.

3. Award Recipients

During the three-year term of office for the MD19 Leadership, Extension, and Membership Chairpersons, they may not be nominated for either the International Presidential or Leadership Awards. The Council Chairperson may not be nominated during his/her term of office. The Leadership, Extension, and Membership Chairpersons are excluded because their expertise and vision are needed to recognize and encourage their fellow Lions for their roles of leadership rather than collecting honors themselves. The Council Chairperson is the recognized elected leader by the Lions in the Multiple District and as such is expected to perform at a high level of competence. The International Presidential and Leadership Awards are very honorable awards and need to be used to encourage, inspire, spotlight, and recognize leadership in our individual districts.

4. The Nomination Process

A nomination for an International Presidential or Leadership Award may be made by the following individuals: the nine current District governors, Council Chairperson, MD19 LEM/PR Team, MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer, and the current International Director or most recent Past International Director. Each July the MD19 Office will give the above mentioned Lions the International Presidential and Leadership Medal Nomination forms requesting the bio and brief summary of the nominee's service record, which is required by Lions Clubs International. The forms will be sent to these same people again by September 15th of each year. Included with these nomination forms will be specific information regarding the qualifications for these two International medals and a list of MD19 Lions who have received these medals in the past.

The completed TYPED nomination forms must be received in the MD19 Office on or before October 31st. Late entries, verbal nominations and nominations without summaries of the nominee's history of service will not be accepted. A Lion will only be considered for the specific medal for which that person was nominated.

5. Screening and Prioritization

The Screening and Prioritization Committee will be made up of the seated International Director and any Lions Clubs International budgeted past International Director from Multiple District 19. These Lions will meet on or before November 15th at a time and place set by the current or most recent Past International Director. Following

the meeting, a prioritized list of the Presidential and Leadership Award nominees will be sent to the International President by FAX, email or mail with a cover letter signed by the current or most recent Past International Director.

6. **Notification**

The International Director will notify the District Governor of any District International Leadership and/or Presidential Award recipients as soon as he/she receives the information from Lions Clubs International.

7. **Presentation**

The International Leadership Award presentations will be made at the District Spring Conferences. The Presidential Award(s) will be presented during the M.D 19 Annual Convention with the day and time to be determined by the Council Chairperson and Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Keep in mind that to receive these Awards is a high honor. It is the choice of the District Governor as to who will make the District International Leadership Award presentation. The selection of a presenter for the Presidential Award is the choice of the Council Chairperson and Executive Secretary/Treasurer. It will be presented at one of the most well attended convention functions.