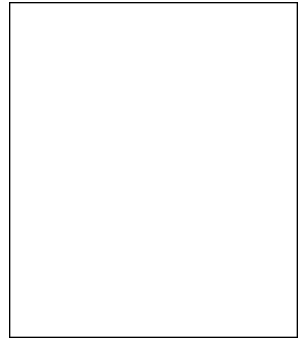


# Lions Youth Exchange Visitor Application

Please attach:

- 1) applicant's recent passport photograph
- 2) photograph of the applicant's family
- 3) applicant's introduction letter to his family
- 4) an indemnity agreement

Forward three copies of this application to the YE chairman. The chairman will send the application to the appropriate district/multiple district. All information on this form should be printed or typewritten.



## I. To be Completed by the Applicant

### A. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

How will the exchange be financed? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in a:  rural area  small city  large city

Have you ever traveled abroad?  yes  no Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in YE before?  yes  no

What is your primary language? \_\_\_\_\_

Other languages spoken \_\_\_\_\_

What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Field of study \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Leo club member?  yes  no Do you smoke?  yes  no

Health condition \_\_\_\_\_ (a doctor's certificate may be required.)

Health/dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/interests/sports \_\_\_\_\_

Religion (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Destination preferences

1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

rural area  small city  large city  no preference

preferred dates of exchange: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Agreement to Terms of Program

I agree to abide by the policies of the Lions Youth Exchange Program. I understand that unauthorized extended personal travel or leaves of absences during the program are prohibited and that my participation is not for tourism, formal education or employment. I will not operate a motor vehicle during my stay in the host country. Any serious violation of the program's policies on my part can, at the discretion of the host Lions officer, result in the immediate termination of my visit at my expense.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. To Be Completed by Parents/Guardian

- A. Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions club member?  yes  no
- B. Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions club member?  yes  no
- C. Siblings?** Names, ages \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Applicant must obtain traveler's insurance** for the duration of the exchange covering medical care, property loss, trip cancellation and repatriation.  
Traveler's insurance: Company name \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization**  
In case of emergency, I authorize Lions YE officials or the host family to provide my child with any necessary medical treatment prescribed by a doctor. I understand that any expenses not covered by insurance for such medical treatment will be my responsibility.  
Parent or guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Indemnity Agreement** (to be attached to application)  
The applicant's parents/guardian must sign a statement releasing any Lions club member and Lions Clubs International from liability. The sponsor Lions should have this statement prepared by a local attorney.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## III. Endorsements

- A. Sponsoring Lions Club**  
Club name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
How was the applicant selected? \_\_\_\_\_  
I have met the applicant and his/her parents. They are fully informed of the program's policies. I certify that the applicant is qualified to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program.  
Club president's name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Sponsoring District Youth Exchange Chairman**  
I have reviewed this application and give it my endorsement.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Consent, Release, and Indemnity Statement

The youth named below (the "Youth"), having been selected to participate in the Youth Exchange Program (the "Program" sponsored by Multiple District 2-Texas (the "Sponsors"), and THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT(S) or guardian as the case may be, do hereby

a) CONSENT to the Youth's participation in the Program and traveling with and lodging at places and for periods and with persons approved by the Sponsors or any designee thereof;

b) give LEGAL CONSENT for and AUTHORITY to any person hosting the Youth to take and authorize any action, medical or otherwise that said person in his sole discretion deems proper in any surgical, medical, or other emergency;

c) REPRESENT and agree that the Youth is of good moral character in good health and in all respects qualified to participate in the Program; and

d) AGREE that the undersigned and the Youth will comply with all the rules of the Program established by the Sponsors and/or the International Association of Lions Clubs ("Lions International"), including but not limited to those rules set forth in Section V of this application and the rules set forth in any materials provided by Lions International (collectively, the "Rules"). In the event of any violation of any of the Rules by either the Youth or the Undersigned, the Sponsors or any designee of the Sponsors may immediately terminate participation by the Youth, in which event the Youth shall return home at the sole expense of the Youth and the Undersigned.

The Undersigned, jointly and severally, but only to the extent such cost or liability is not covered by insurance carried by the Sponsors, do hereby RELEASE and DISCHARGE and agree to INDEMNIFY and SAVE HARMLESS the International Association of Lions Clubs, Multiple District 2, all Districts and Lions Clubs in Multiple District 2, and Officers, Directors, Members, Agents, Employees, and Representatives of Lions International and of the District and Clubs, the Multiple District 2 Youth Exchange Program Steering Committee and all members thereof, all Lions and their respective spouses who accompany the Youth during said exchange and return home, all host families and members thereof, and all other Lions' organization personnel having any responsibility for or in any connection with the Program FROM all liability for loss, claim, or damage to person or property arising out of the Youth's participation in the Program, and further agree to and do hereby WAIVE any benefits and rights of exemption to which the Youth or the Undersigned may be entitled under the laws of the United States, any State or Province or Country, of domicile of the Youth and the Undersigned as against such claim for indemnity shall survive the termination of the Program.

EXECUTED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Father/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Mother/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

If one Parent or Guardian has sole responsibility for Youth, please attach a copy of decree or document designating that Parent/Guardian has sole custody and responsibility.

## V. Lions Youth Exchange

The first objective of the Lions Youth Exchange Program is "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." This is the foundation of the Program. For many youngsters it is one of the most significant experiences of their lives. The host family and the exchange youth learn about each other's way of life, and deep friendships form which surpass national boundaries.

### **THE SUITABLE CANDIDATE**

The Lions Youth Exchange Program purpose is to experience another culture. It is not for tourism, employment, or formal education. The youths traveling abroad represent their country, their state, their Lions Club, and their family.

The visitor's qualities are:

- a desire to make friends and learn about life in another country.
- a willingness to adapt to different customs and standards of living.
- a sincere interest in the language, history, and culture of the country to be visited.
- a good academic record.
- recommendations by church, employer, or school.
- good health (but declared physical disabilities need not disqualify the applicant).
- a willingness to enjoy and eat unfamiliar foods.
- a willingness to maintain a cheerful and positive attitude.

### **TYPES OF EXCHANGES**

The use of the word "exchange" does not necessarily imply an obligation for the outgoing youth's parents to host. Rather, the exchange is one organized between Lions of different nations. Some youths will join in activities and excursions with youths from other nations. All youths will take part in Family Hosting where they will live with one or more Lions (or Lions approved) families, being treated as a member of the family.

### **YOUTH EXCHANGE RULES**

- Youths must always remember that they are ambassadors for their country and their club and act accordingly.
- Youths are prohibited from incurring any expenses to their hosts without prior permission.
- Youths must have comprehensive travel insurance for the duration of the exchange, covering medical care, property loss, trip cancellations and repatriation.
- Youths are not permitted to operate a motor vehicle of any kind while abroad.
- Extended personal travel or leave of absence during the program is prohibited unless a written itinerary is supplied to all concerned parties, and written permission is obtained in advance from each of the following: Youth's parents, sponsor Lions Club, sponsor District YE chairman, host family, host club, and district.
- Youths are subject to the laws of the host country.
- Youths must have a round trip ticket with specified return date. Open ended tickets are not permitted.
- Youths must ensure that they are medically fit to travel. Any necessary medical or dental treatment must be completed before departure on this journey. Any prescribed medications must be carried in clearly marked containers, and the written prescription must also be carried in the event a customs officer requires it.
- Letters of introduction to each of the two prospective host families, four photos of the youth, four photos of the youth's family, and three letters of recommendation are required.

### **AGREEMENT**

I have read, understand, and agree that I am qualified for the Lions International Youth Exchange Program and will abide by all the above items.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I/We have read, understand and agree that our youth is qualified for the Lions International Youth Exchange Program and will follow the items stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of father/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of mother/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## VI. Health Certificate - to be completed by Physician

Name of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

1. State of health \_\_\_\_\_

2. Physical handicaps, if any \_\_\_\_\_

3. Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

4. Medications \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sensitivities to medication \_\_\_\_\_

6. Past medical history \_\_\_\_\_

7. Blood type: A \_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_ AB \_\_\_\_ Rh+ \_\_\_\_ Rh- \_\_\_\_

8. Type and date of vaccinations \_\_\_\_\_

9. Recent tetanus shot? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature \_\_\_\_\_