

**EL PASO DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB
AWARDS PROGRAM
REVISED 081313**

PURPOSE:

To recognize individual performance by members of the El Paso Downtown Lions Club (EPDTLC) for their participation in various club projects throughout the award year.

DEFINTION:

Award Year – May 1st of the preceding Lion's year to April 30th of the current Lion's Year.

GENERAL:

Awards are presented during June of each year (or at the Installation Banquet) to those Lions who have contributed significantly to the club projects and activities throughout the year. Eligibility for these awards is determined through a point system.

“Lion of the Year” award is given to recognize the Lion who earns the most points and meets certain other requirements.

“Rookie of the Year” award is given to recognize the new Lion who earns the most points among new Lions and meets certain requirements.

“Outstanding Lion” awards are given to recognize Lions other than the “Lion of the Year” and “Rookie of the Year” who have been the top point earners and have earned at least 150 points

Officers and Directors of the Club are not eligible to receive any of these awards (to prevent self congratulations).

REQUIREMENT FOR LION OF THE YEAR AWARD:

A member **MUST** accomplish at least FIVE (5) of the following seven (7) requirements:

1. Achieve 100% attendance during the award year. It is the member's responsibility to “Make Up” meetings or notify the Secretary of illness, business considerations or reasons for qualifying for an excused absence.
2. Actively participate in two “Service Projects” as approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chairperson must certify the participation. **Service projects are such projects as serving food to homeless, painting or cleaning for any project work at a convention, (International, State, Mid-Winter, District) help send children to camp, work day at Lions Camp, and any other approved by the Board.**
3. Actively participate in two “Fund Raising Projects” as approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chairperson must certify the participation. **Fund Raising Projects are such projects as Dinner with the Miners, White Cane Day, the Golf Tournament, Smoker, Bell Ringing and any other approved by the Board.**
4. Attend all meetings of the committees for which the member has signed up, unless excused by the Committee Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson must certify the attendance and excused absences.
5. Be current on all dues assessments and other financial obligations.
6. Earn the most points during the Award Year.
7. Bring in a new member. The new member must be in good standing at the end of the award year for the sponsor to receive credit.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOKIE LION OF THE YEAR AWARD:

A member MUST:

1. Be a member for at least 7 months of the award year but not a member for more than 17 months
2. Earn more points than all Lions otherwise eligible for this award.
3. Achieve 100% attendance during the award year. It is the member's responsibility to "Make Up" meetings or to inform the Secretary of illness, business considerations or other reasons for an excused absence.
4. Attend all meetings of the committees for which the member has signed up, unless excused by the Committee Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson must certify the attendance and excused absences.
5. Be current on all dues assessments and other financial obligations.

REQUIREMENT FOR OUTSTANDING LION AWARD:

A member MUST:

1. Be among the top 10 % point earners during the award year.
2. Earn at least 150 points during the award year. Should any member be among the top 10% point earners but not have earned a minimum of 150 points, they will not be eligible for the award.
3. Be current on all dues assessments and other financial obligations.

THE POINT SYSTEM:

Points are awarded for the following:

| Description: | Points: |
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| 100% Attendance | 25 |
| Sponsor a new member | 50 |
| Attend International Convention | 25 |
| Attend State Convention | 15 |
| Attend District Mid-Winter Conf | 15 |
| Attend District Meeting in El Paso | 10 |
| Attend District Meeting outside El Paso | 25 |
| Visit Texas Lions Camp | 15 |
| Visit State or International Headquarters | 15 |
| Attend Official Visitation of another Club | 5 |
| Service/Fundraising Projects (per Hour) | 2 |
| Attend Committee Meeting (per Hour) | 2 |
| Maintain Scrapbook | 50 |
| Sell Table for Dinner with the Miners | 5 (points per table) |
| Sell Advertising or Teams for Golf Tourney | 5 (points per team or advertising on hole) |
| Write Lions Tale Issue | 5 (5 points X # of weeks Tale is written) |
| Program Monthly Chair | 2 Points per meeting set up |
| Webmaster | 24 (2 points per month for the year) |
| Bring or send a guest to work project | 2 per hour worked to Lion member (includes spouse) |
| Lions for Vision board member | 4 per meeting attended |
| WTLEHF Board member | 4 per meeting attended |
| Meeting Food set up/assist | 2 per meeting |

Points for any and all projects shall be awarded for work as Web Master, Program Committee Chair, those who work on programs and all work performed for Lionism.

OTHER POINT SYSTEM EXPLANATIONS:

1. A new member must be in good standing at the end of the award year for the Sponsor to receive credit
2. Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson receive points the same as any member.
3. Committee Vice-President, Committee Director and Committee Chairperson may together award additional points for an outstanding effort up to 25 points additional.
4. The Board of Directors may award Committee Chairperson additional points for an outstanding effort up to 25 points.
5. Members who work on any Committee including District, State and other Lion's Committees are awarded 2 points per hour regardless of committee membership.
6. As special projects and activities occur during the year, the Board of Directors shall determine the points to be awarded for participation.

REPORTING AND TABULATION:

The Committee Chairperson is responsible for recording attendance of members working on a project, the points earned and excuses granted. The Committee Chairperson will keep their records on a monthly basis. At the end of each month, each Committee Chairperson will submit their record of the above information **to the secretary and the member tabulating the points for the Award year.**

CERTIFICATION OF AWARDS:

As soon as practicable after June 1st, at any regular Board Meeting, the Board will certify the recipients of the "Lion of the Year", "Rookie of the Year", and "Outstanding Lion" Awards. The Board will review total points and the meeting of any special requirements in determining the recipients of the awards.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

"Lion of the Year" and "Rookie of the Year" awards will be presented in June or at the Installation Banquet following the Award year. "Outstanding Lion" awards may be presented at the Installation Banquet, or at a regular club meeting, at the discretion of the President.