

# Beyond Leos: Continuing the Service Journey

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## Introduction to Transitions

It's important for Leos to know about the many service options available beyond the Leo Program to prepare them in planning their service journey.

In this brief course you will learn about:

- The Leo-Lion Membership Program
- Clubs attractive to Young Lions

Continue reading for more details.

## What is the Leo-Lion Program?

The Leo-Lion Program is a membership program exclusively for Leos who are ready to become Lions. This is a Lions membership type, and not part of the Leo Program.

A current Leo can transition directly from the Leo Program to this Lions membership type. Or a Former Leo who left Lions can return to the organization and join as a Leo-Lion member if they still meet the requirements of the program.

## Basics, Eligibility and Benefits

Following is information to develop a better understanding of the Leo-Lion Program.

Basics: There are several Lions membership types to choose from. But, the Leo-Lion Program is designed to meet the specific interests of eligible Leos who choose to continue their service journey as Lions members. Leo-Lions are full Lions members who enjoy the same rights and privileges of traditional Lions membership.

You can find additional information at: [lionsclubs.org/leo-lion](https://lionsclubs.org/leo-lion)

You can also email: [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org).

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Leo-Lion Program you must:

- Have served as a Leo for over one year
- Be the age of legal majority through age 35

Benefits of the Leo-Lion Program include:

- 450% discount on international dues
- Entrance fee waiver
- Years of Leo service credited to the Lion record
- Exclusive Leo-Lion Membership Pin
- Scholarship opportunities
- Leo-Lion leadership opportunities at the district, multiple district and international levels

Please see the Benefits and Service Options link in the Resources section to learn more.

## Scholarship Opportunities

The Leo-Lion program offers two leadership development scholarships.

One: The Leo-Lion Cultural Exchange Ambassador Scholarship:

- is awarded to one Leo-Lion from each constitutional area to attend a Lions forum outside of their own area.
- supports ambassadors to participate in forum events including at least one forum sponsored service project.
- is a financial reimbursement program for eligible travel, meal, and lodging expenses with approved limited reimbursements.

Two: The ALLI Leo-Lion Scholarship:

- is awarded to one Leo-Lion per constitutional area to attend the ALLI offered in their area.
- is reimbursable financial support for approved travel related expenses not covered under the ALLI program.
- requires applicants to submit both the Leo-Lion scholarship application and the ALLI application.

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## Club Types

There are many club options for Leo-Lion members to consider.

Read through each of the five club types below and review the links in the Resources section to learn details about each.

- **Leo-Lion Clubs:** Leo-Lion clubs offer a special opportunity for Former Leos to continue serving together. Lions of all ages may join a Leo-Lion club to form dynamic multigenerational clubs. Club members ages 30 and younger, who are not Leo-Lions, are eligible for the same international dues discount and fee waiver as their Leo-Lion friends under the “Young Adult” membership type. Learn more about Leo-Lion clubs and available membership discounts using the Resources links.
- **Campus Lions Clubs and Student Membership:** Campus Lions clubs offer a great opportunity for Young Lions interested in serving while pursuing their education. Leos who are used to serving in school-based clubs may find this club option particularly appealing. Clubs can be formed with students from one or more educational institutions including: universities, private and junior colleges, career preparatory schools and technical learning schools.
- **Club branches:** Only five members are required to form a Club branch of a sponsoring Lions club. With support from the parent club, members can meet and choose service projects that they are passionate about.
- **Specialty Clubs:** Connect members by a similar service cause, culture, life stage, partnership, sport or hobby, or any number of unique qualities a club or its members want to highlight.
- **Traditional Lions Clubs:** Many Leos choose to continue serving as Leo-Lions in their sponsoring Lions club. Traditional community-based Lions clubs offer flexibility to reach new groups of people and serve a variety of communities.

## Dual Leo and Lion Memberships

Dual memberships are an attractive option for a Leo-Lion who wants to continue serving with their Leo club while serving in their Lions club. Dual memberships can be held through age 30 which is the maximum age of eligibility of the Leo Club Program. Please explore the Dual Membership link in the Resources section.

## Additional Leadership Opportunities: Leo-Lion Leadership Opportunities

There are many leadership opportunities for Lions members to pursue. Leo-Lions have additional liaison leadership roles available to them at the district, multiple district and international levels. Leo-Lions serving in these roles draw on the leadership experiences gained while serving in the Leo Program and represent the voices of Leos and Young Lions.

For more information on each, continue reading.

**Leo-Lion District Cabinet and Multiple District Council Liaisons:** The Leo-Lion cabinet and council liaisons are one-year non-voting appointed positions. These roles offer Leo-Lions opportunities to further their leadership skills, use their experience to improve the Leo Club Program, and represent the diverse views of Leos and Young Lions in our organization. Districts and multiple districts can build stronger connections with Leos and Young Lions while adding younger voices and perspectives. To learn more about these positions, refer to the Cabinet and Council Role Descriptions.

**Leo-Lion Board Liaisons:** Leo-Lion board liaisons are appointed by the international president to serve on the international board of directors for one year in non-voting positions. In addition to attending board meetings and serving on standing board committees, Leo-Lion board liaisons serve as advocates, advisors and ambassadors for the Leo-Lion Program and Leo Club Program. To learn more about these positions, refer to Chapter III of the Board Policy Manual.

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## Becoming a Leo-Lion

Current and Former Leos should follow these steps with the support of their Leo club advisor or other supportive Lion member.

1. Verify Leo-Lion membership eligibility
2. Choose a club type that best represents interests and lifestyle
3. Use the Leo to Lion Certification Form (LL2) to collect and verify Leo information and keep it for club records.

**Leo to Lion Certification Form (LL2):** This form is not required to be submitted to Lions Clubs International if using MyLCI to report membership. Download the form [here](#).

**Important:** Leos can be directly transferred to Lions clubs using MyLCI. Explore the MyLCI link in the Resources section below to learn more.

## When to Transition

Deciding when to transition to Lions membership is a very personal decision for Leos to make for themselves. However, it's extremely important to develop plans for the future before the end of the last eligible year serving in an Alpha or Omega club.

Leo club advisors, district leaders and Leo club officers are all essential in helping to guide Leos in making this decision. The Resource section in the upper right of your screen contains links to the Best Practice Guide and information to support you in MyLCI. Please note, a Leo who has reached their final eligible year to serve in their Leo club and who also has not transferred to the next club on their service path by the end of that year will have their Leo record automatically closed by Lions International.

Transition Records: Leos with reported birthdates rendering them ineligible to serve in the Leo Program will have their records closed on June 30 of each year. To learn more, refer to Chapter XXII of the Board Policy Manual

The following records will be closed:

- Alpha Leos (ages 12 - 18) who have not transferred to Omega Leo clubs or Lions clubs upon reaching age 19.
- Omega Leos (ages 18 - 30) who have not transferred to Lions membership before reaching the age of 31.

## Leo-Lion Program Awards

Special annual award certificates recognize Leo club advisors and other leaders at the club, district and multiple district levels who have guided Leos to Lions memberships or have supported the chartering of new Leo-Lion clubs. Learn more at the Leo-Lion Membership Awards link in the Resources section at the end of this course.

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## Summary and Contact

In this course, you have learned about:

- The service options available for current and former Leos who transition to Leo-Lion membership
- Leadership opportunities for Leo-Lion members

Find additional information by visiting: [lionsclubs.org/leo-lion](https://lionsclubs.org/leo-lion)

If you have questions about the Leo-Lion Program, please contact: [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org).

To receive credit for completing this course in the Lions Learning Center, or if you have problems navigating through this online module [elearning@lionsclubs.org](mailto:elearning@lionsclubs.org).

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## Resources

The following is a list of resources/web-links related to the Leo to Lion transition.

- Leo-Lion Clubs General Information:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_McWHvYOsxPd9.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_McWHvYOsxPd9.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- Benefits and Club Options: [https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_soZEaj33Rf33.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_soZEaj33Rf33.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- Leo-Lion Cultural Exchange Ambassador Scholarship:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_6psXlpXQGvp3.jpg.pdf?v=5](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_6psXlpXQGvp3.jpg.pdf?v=5)
- Advanced Lions Leadership (ALLI) Leo-Lion Scholarship:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_Alm6xPG4Aww3.jpg](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_Alm6xPG4Aww3.jpg)
- Campus Lions Clubs Webpage: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/campus-lions-club>
- Young Lions Membership Guide:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_UbDbOmJm3130.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_UbDbOmJm3130.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- Dual Memberships: [https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_E4RipN10OvX0.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_E4RipN10OvX0.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- \*How to transition Leos to Leo-Lions in MyLCI:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_Y9S8Ztbu2x02AbJM.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_Y9S8Ztbu2x02AbJM.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- \*Leo-Lion Membership Awards:  
[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_2lpxJgJUjU40.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_2lpxJgJUjU40.jpg.pdf?v=1)
- \*Best Practice Guide: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/134430664>
- \*Leos eligible for transition: accessible through MyLCI

\*Additional information specifically for leaders supporting Leo-Lion transition.

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