Lion of the Year 2026

Lion of the year is a great way to honor an outstanding Lion for this calendar year. Send an email to the district awards chair by **February 28, 2027,** and include the following information about your nominee and please see additional rules on the following page. Please answer the 3 questions on this paper and do not add any introductory paragraphs.

Name of Nominee
Name of Club
District
Hometown of Nominee
How long has this person been a Lion? (must be a lion for a full year)

1. **In what way has your nominee served your club this year? (60 points)** include any service projects chaired, or other projects worked on in the last 12 months **ONLY**. This question is the main reason you are nominating this person.

2. **List any training or offices (club level or higher) held this year. (20 points**) please include any training attended during this time period **ONLY.**

3. **Outside Volunteering done by nominee (20 points)**

The nomination must be submitted from the email associated with the Club President or Secretary based on the Lions Portal.

Rules and Regulations
Lion of the Year for District and MD 12

1. The committee selecting the “Lion of the Year” shall consider the following points regarding the importance of the three items in the contest. Item No. 1 = 60 Points, Item No. 2 = 20 Points, Item No.3 = 20 Points.

2. Only one (1) nominee from a club may be entered each year in the District Contest, only one (1) nominee from a District may be entered each year in the Multiple District Contest and only one (1) Multiple District “Lion of the Year” shall be selected each year.

3. The candidate, club, and District shall have been “In Good Standing” during the entire contest period. (See MD-12 Constitution and By Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

4. Contest begins **January 1, 2026,** and ends **December 31, 2026.**

5. The District Contest & Awards Chairman must receive the local club’s completed entry form **emailed no later than February 28, 2027,** for the entry to be considered.

6. The District selection committee shall be chaired by the District Contest & Awards Chair and shall be composed of Lions appointed by the District Governor.

7. Those ineligible to be entered in the district competition are: District Governor, Vice District Governors, District/Multiple District Contest & Awards Chair.

8. The district winner will be announced at the State Convention, with appropriate awards and publicity being given.

9. The District Contest & Awards Chairman will submit the district winner to the Multiple District 12 Tennessee Lions Contest & Awards Chairman on or before a date specified by the MD-12 Contest & Awards Chairman. **Only one (1) nominee shall be submitted to the Multiple District.**

10. The State Contest & Awards Committee shall review the District entries sufficiently in advance of the State Convention in order to select a winner and have a suitable award prepared for presentation before the close of the State Convention.

11. Once a Lion has won the District or MD level award of Lion of the Year, he/she must not be nominated again for the same award for a period of 5 years.