

MD19 LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE FOUNDATION

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Four scholarship applications have been received for travel as part of the MD19 Lions Youth Exchange Program in 2020. Although each applicant will receive a cash scholarship, as of the date of this report the amounts have yet to be determined. Three of the four applicants received a scholarship in a prior year and the Scholarship Committee is discussing an amount to be awarded to those youth.

Notice of the availability of the scholarships was sent to clubs and DGs, announced in the Border Crossing, appeared in several District and Zone Newsletters, sent to the District YCE Chairs and sent to every Leo Club Advisor. Several DGs did not appoint a YCE Chair, so pursuant to LCI Policy on YCE those DGs are responsible for performing the YCE Chair functions in their district.

Scholarship rules do not presently preclude awards to the same recipient in multiple years. However, discussion is under way to adopt a rule prohibiting multiple year awards.

Although many requests have gone out to clubs, District Governors and Zone Chairs, few clubs, one Zone and no Districts have made contributions to the Foundation. Although the fund is now healthy, it is being diminished each year and will not last long. Return on CDs does not replace the amounts of the annual awards.

If there are any MD19 Lions Clubs or Foundations that would like to support Youth Exchange, please mail any contributions to the Treasurer, Tammy Allan of 19F. Tammy is also serving as MD19 Youth Exchange Chair.