

## **LWVNYS 2023 AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA**

Recognition at Convention is a wonderful opportunity to honor the efforts of our Leagues and their members from around the state. Please take the time to look over the attached applications and nominate your League. Remember, the League survives through the hard work of our volunteers. What better way is there to show your appreciation of these efforts than to nominate your local League for an award!! You can nominate your League as a whole, or a group of members (i.e. Voters Service Committee, Membership Committee)

IN YOUR SUBMISSIONS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE SINCE THE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVE.

DO submit samples or exhibits to go with your nomination form when applicable.

### **Empowering Voters:**

#### **Educating Voters to Action Award (Citizen Education)**

- a. What was your project – Candidate Forums, publications, PSA, Social media campaign?
- b. Where did you conduct it?
- c. How did you do it – members, volunteers, partners, Vote411?
- d. Outcomes - By what measures was it successful?
- e. Were there effects on League visibility and/or membership growth?
- f. Was it unique in any respect?
- g. How was the goal of DEI achieved?

#### **Mobilizing Democracy into Action Award (Get Out the Vote)**

- a. What was your project – VR, GOTV, Candidate Forums
- b. Where did you conduct it?
- c. How did you do it – members, volunteers, partners, Vote411?
- d. Outcomes - By what measures was it successful?
- e. Was there an impact on League visibility and/or membership growth?
- f. Was the project unique in any respect?
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### **Strengthening Your League:**

#### **Lighting the Way Award (Membership and Leadership)**

- a. How did you increase your membership? Did you try anything new, target new audiences? Approach new organizations? Specifics, please. By how much did you increase membership?
- b. Did you have a successful renewal program? How did you do it?
- c. Did you successfully recruit new board members, presidents or co-chairs from your membership? How?
- d. Did you institute new leadership structures e.g. management team, co-presidents
- e. Were there specific activities that increased League visibility, working with allied groups?
- f. How was the goal of DEI achieved?

**Building Bridges to Excellence Award (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)**

- a. Did you develop concrete action plans for DEI and did those plans include improving organizational culture by fostering inclusivity?
- b. How did your League ensure that an “Organizational Equity Lens” was applied to the distribution of your League’s resources (people, money, space, equipment)?
- a. What relationships with other community resources were formed to advance or exemplify DEI, and favorably impact a community?
- c. Were there learnings obtained from obstacles circumvented or mistakes made that can help your League (and other Leagues) become more successful in the future?
- d. In the application of a “DEI Lens” to League work, were any diversity dimensions being addressed (i.e., age, gender, race, ethnicity, LGBTQI, disability, socioeconomic status) and outcomes documented?

**Thinking Out of the Box**

- a. Taking a new approach to a “traditional” League activity
- b. What made this unique and innovative?

**Defending Democracy:**

**Shaping Our Future Award (Youth Award)**

- a. How did the program energize and motivate youth to become civically involved?
- b. Did the program benefit the local league and community?
- c. How many members, youth, volunteers, teachers, and parents were engaged in the program?
- d. What relationships with other community resources were formed?
- e. Did any people join the League as a result of the program?
- f. How was the goal of DEI achieved?

**Inspiring Citizens into Action Award (Citizen Engagement)**

With reference to action on issues in response to Action Alerts and/or meeting a need in your community:

- a. How did you frame the problem and research it within your League
- b. Did you identify and work with allied groups
- c. How did you mobilize community response
- d. Objectives achieved including any unanticipated results of your action campaign as well as effects on visibility, membership growth, and leadership development
- e. How was the goal of DEI achieved?

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# Shaping Our Future Award

## (Youth Award)

### Nomination Form

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(Specific Committee)

#### Description of Project, Activity or Effort:

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# Lighting the Way Award

## (Membership and Leadership)

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**Building Bridges to Excellence Award**  
**(Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)**  
***Nomination Form***

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**Educating Voters to Action Award**  
**(Citizen Education)**  
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# **Inspiring Citizens into Action Award**

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# Mobilizing Democracy into Action Award (Get Out the Vote) **Nomination Form**

## CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED:

- a. What was your project – VR, GOTV, Candidate Forums
- b. Where did you conduct it?
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