

District 4L4 Contests - 2025-2026

District 4L4 Awards – 2024-2025



THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD, CHANGE OR REMOVE AWARDS PRIOR TO MARCH 31ST. ANY SUCH CHANGES WILL BE SENT OUT IN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 5, 2026

FOR ALL LEO AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY 03/02/26 TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT CABINET SECRETARY

FOR ALL LIONS AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY 04/05/26 TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT CABINET SECRETARY

Awards are based on the dates listed as contest dates. ALL nominations MUST be sent in either a word doc or PDF ONLY – no jpeg or photos! NO TEXT, Email or mail ONLY!!

ANY “OF THE YEAR” AWARDS ARE BASED SOLEY ON THAT YEARS ACHEIVEMENTS NOT THEIR ENTIRE HISTORY, please only put relevant date information on nominaton, not prior year achievements as they will not be considered! ONLY LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT IS BASED ON THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF LION.

Proud Lion



- Attend a club board meeting
- Participate in a club service or fund-raising activity — virtual meetings apply.
- Introduce a new prospective member to the club.
- Make a visit to another club and secure a visitation slip or take photos.
- Attend a zone, region, district or multiple district meeting and report back to the club. and participating in a district sponsored event or fundraiser

The goals listed above should be attained with the specified six (6) month period and that the sponsor or assigned mentor accompanied the Protege Lion to each of the five activities.

Once these steps are complete fill out this form and submit it to the District GMT, District Governor, and District Secretary. If you would like the District Governor or District GMT to help present, please let them know.

Upon completion, please notify District Global Membership Coordinator Scott Newton

THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD IS BEING WAIVED AND THIS IS OPEN TO ALL LIONS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026– JUNE 30, 2027

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

THIS AWARD IS BASED ON THE LIONS ENTIRE HISTORY WITH LIONS

The District Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) recognizes the district 4-L4 Lion who has most distinguished himself/herself as an active and contributing Lion in the district and/or local club over his/her career in Lions. Consideration is given to the entire body of work the nominee has given the Lions. The recipient will be honored by the District Governor at the District Convention.

Nomination Requirements

- Any Lion in District 4-L4 may submit the name and qualifications of nominee by e-mail to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary
- The nomination must be typed in 12-point type; handwritten nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should be ONE PAGE ONLY. It must address the judging criteria and give specifics which show the strength of the nominee.
- The nomination must be received by April 5, 2026.

Basic Eligibility of Nominees

The nominee must meet the following requirements:

- Member in good standing in a **District 4-L4 club** for at **least ten (10) years**.
- Current in his/her club obligations
- Not the current Governor, First or Second Vice District Governor nor Immediate Past District Governor **and not a previous recipient of the 4-L4 LAA**.

Judging Criteria

Area of Emphasis:

Exemplifies the Lions Motto “We Serve.”	Exemplifies outstanding leadership in the furtherance of Lionism.
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Other Criteria:

Activities and project participation	Mentorship of other Lions / Leos
Attendance at District mtgs/trainings	Sincerity of purpose
Attitude and cooperation with others	Committee participation
Lion Offices in club & district	Quality, Success & impact of work
Membership development	Lions Awards and recognition

DISTRICT LION OF THE YEAR

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

The District Lion of the Year Award recognizes the Lion who has most distinguished himself/herself as an active and contributing Lion in district 4L4. Consideration will be given to achievements from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The recipient will be honored by the District Governor at the District Convention. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

Nomination Requirements

- Any Lion in District 4-L4 may submit the name and qualifications of nominee by e-mail to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary.
- The nomination must be typed in 12-point type; handwritten nominations not accepted. Nominations should be ONE PAGE ONLY. It must address the judging criteria and give specifics, which show the strength of a nominee.
- The nomination must be received by April 5, 2026.
- Only nominations which are typed and on time will be considered.

Basic Eligibility of Nominees

The nominee must meet the following requirements:

- Member in good standing in a District 4-L4 club for the prior 12 months.
- Current in his/her club obligations of, dues and/or committee assignments.
- Not the Current DG, 1st, or 2nd VDG, Immediate Past District Governor **or a previous District Lion of the Year**

Judging Criteria

Area of Emphasis:

Exemplifies the Lions Motto “We Serve.”

Exemplifies outstanding leadership in the furtherance of Lionism.

Other Criteria:

Activities and project participation
Attendance at District mtgs/trainings
Attitude and cooperation with others
Joining hands in service

Mentorship of other Lions / Leos
Sincerity of purpose
Committee participation

DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

The District Couple of the Year Award recognizes the couple who have most distinguished themselves as active and contributing Lion(s) in the district and/or local L4 club. Consideration will be given to achievements from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The couple will be honored by the District Governor at the District Convention. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

Nomination Requirements

- Any Lion or club shall submit the names and qualifications of nominees to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary.
- The nomination must be typed in 12-point type; handwritten nominations not accepted. Nominations should be ONE PAGE ONLY. It must address the judging criteria and give specifics, which show the strength of the nominees.
- The nomination must be received by April 5, 2026.

Basic Eligibility of Nominees

The nominee must meet the following requirements:

- Member in good standing in a District 4-L4 club for the prior 12 months. (Both do not have to be Lions and/or do not need to be in the same club)
- Current in his/her club obligations of dues and/or committee assignments.
- Not the Immediate Past District Governor, Current District Governor, First or Second Vice District Governor **or a previous District Couple of the Year winner.**

Judging Criteria

Area of Emphasis:

Exemplifies the Lions Motto "We Serve."	Exemplifies outstanding leadership in the furtherance of Lionism.
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Other Criteria:

Activities and project participation	Mentorship of other Lions / Leos
Attendance at District mtgs/trainings	Sincerity of purpose
Attitude and cooperation with others	Committee participation
Joining hands in service	Serving TOGETHER!

PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025- March 31, 2026

Any Lion in the club may submit the names and qualifications of nominees by e-mail to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

The minimum qualifications for the award:

- Club participates in at least one project.
- Club participation in one club fundraiser.
- Attend 2 Zone and 2 District Meetings, list dates.
- Attends District Officers Training, 2 District Leadership Trainings, list dates – MUST be within dates above, except training should be June 2025. Scheduled Officer Zoom training applies.
- Club participation or donation to one 4-L4 sponsored project.
- Club in good standing with LCI, MD4 and District payments
- At least 2 Visitations to clubs in each zone by your club

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Any Lion in the club may submit the names and qualifications of nominees by e-mail to the District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

- Files accurate & complete reports by deadlines with clubs
- Secretary adds Service, Meeting & other activities to Lions Portal
- Attend at least 2 Zone and 2 District Meetings, list dates.
- Attend District Officers Training and 2 District Leadership Trainings, list dates MUST be within dates above except training should be June 2025! Scheduled Officer Zoom training applies.
- Attend all Club Board Meetings and take notes or have a delegate arranged to cover in your absence.
- Keeps membership information updated and adds new members timely into portal.
- Is not the current District Secretary

TREASURER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Any Lion in the club may submit the names and qualifications of nominees by e-mail to the District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

- Prepares 2025-2026 Budget for Club
- Attends at least 2 Zone and 2 District Meetings
- Attends District Officers Training (June 2025) or scheduled Officer Zoom training.
- Pay Lions Clubs International, MD4 and District dues on time.
- Pay Convention Tax on time.
- Submits monthly reports to the Board of Directors of the club in a timely manner.
- Keeps accurate records for the club and pays all debts on time for club.
- Is not the current District Treasurer

PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

- Any L4 Lion can submit a project done by any L4 club between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, be sure to include DATE of PROJECT on submission of nomination.
- **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**
- **Project not a prior winner of Project of the Year Award**
- The club is in good standing with District, MD4 and LCI.
- Give details of the project and the impact it had. Fundraisers do not qualify.
- Must be typed 12 POINT TYPE MINIMUM and ONE PAGE ONLY.
- There are 4 District Division Project of the Year Awards, divisions are based on membership as of March 31, 2026.
- Project must be entered into the LCI Service portal and reported to the District GST coordinator and Marketing Chair including photographs.
- Divisions based on MD4 Criteria

Division A - 24 members or less, **Division B** - 25-39 Members, **Division C** - 40 -75 members and, **Division D** 76 or more members – THE WINNERS MOVE ON TO THE MD4 AWARDS THE FOLLOWING FEBRUARY (For example the 2025 winner moves on to the 02/26 MD4 awards)

- Submission addressing qualifications for this award need to be sent to the District Governor **and** Cabinet Secretary by April 5, 2026

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

These are the Minimum qualifications that must be met DURING THE TIME FRAME ABOVE:

Any Lion in the club may submit a letter outlining the qualifications below by e-mail to the District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary.

- Club must have helped at least **TWO other LIONS CLUBS in 4L4 or other local community organization** with an event, project, or fundraiser (SERVICE!!)
- At least THREE club members **not there as a Leo Advisor or District Officer**, must help or participate (SERVICE!!) in at least **TWO 4L4 LEO Event or Leo Fundraiser** – List names and event. Attending a district Leo meeting also qualifies.
- 1 member MENTOR a newer member (joined 2022 or after) to work on a SERVICE PROJECT - give us names of these 2 lions
- 2 successful club projects – list name and date (SERVICE!!)
- End March 31, 2026, **with a PLUS in membership**
- At least 3 club members attend all club Zone and all 2025-2026 District Meetings prior to 03/31/26 – list names and dates.
- At least 2 club members attend 2 District Trainings, in addition to club officer training– list names and dates.
- President, Secretary AND Treasurer attend district officer training or make up with District Secretary/Treasurer
- Club participation in “SERVICE” to a District 4-L4 approved project listed on the district website in the district directory and reported on LCI Portal
- Club contribution to LCIF and reported on LCI Portal
- Visits to other 4L4 Lions club’s meeting **must be reported on LCI Portal with Title Club Visitation and** follow the District Inter-Club Visitation Requirements.
- Visits to other 4L4 Lions club events or fundraiser and follow the District Inter-Club Visitation Requirements and **must be reported on LCI Portal with Title Club Visitation**
- The club is in good standing with District, MD4 and LCI as of March 31st.

District Inter-Club Visitation Requirements

Purpose, Rules, & Protocol

Purpose, Rules, & Protocol:

To foster friendships and bonds between different clubs within our District as well as learn and share information between clubs, to the benefit of each. In addition, to promote and support the various projects and fundraisers throughout the district as well as promoting participation in joint and district events. Contest Period/Criteria The visitation contest period shall run from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025. If you have any questions contact the current District Governor or District Secretary. **If the Lion is an ASSOCIATE MEMBER, they cannot get credit for a visit to the club they are an associate of if they are working (for example, if the Lion is a member of Club A and an Associate of Club B, they cannot count an event worked at Club B as a Club A Visit!!!)**

5 POINTS – Visit to another District 4L4 Lions club meeting adhering to protocol below.

10 POINTS – Attend your clubs zone meeting with at least 2 members, attend district 4L4 district membership meeting with at least 3 members, attend District 4L4 Melvin Jones Banquet and/or Any District Fundraiser. Visit to other L4 Project or Fundraiser (Fish Fry, Corn fest, Tiller Days, etc.)

20 POINTS – Participate in Zone Project, participation in District Endorsed Project (Ronald McDonald House, District 4L4 Food Drive, District Environmental Project, Special Olympics Project within 4L4 AND/OR District Children Cancer Project, etc.) Working with another District 4L4 Lions club on their Fundraiser or Project. (i.e., WORKING CHINO ICE CREAM TRUCK)

25 Points – Attend Leo Talent Show, Attend Leo Fundraiser, Attend Leo Social Event and/or attend Leo District Meeting. **Leo Advisor or District Officer excluded.**

30 Points - Work with Leos (NOT YOUR CLUB LEOS) on a Leo Event or Fundraiser

Reporting: To receive credit, **the club secretary** must report on current LCI portal AND copies of the **visitation report OR email confirmed by the club visited, must be sent to the district secretary via email – NO TEXT!!**

A picture of your members visiting or working on a **PROJECT OR FUNDRAISER** will be accepted instead of paper form with club members or banner in picture! Pictures must be sent via EMAIL not text!!

Protocol:

1. Contact the President or Secretary of the club being visited at least ONE Week prior and have them approve your visit. ONLY bring number of Lions approved as to not overwhelm smaller clubs.
2. Obtain signed Visitation form signed by Secretary or President when visiting a club meeting.
3. Send a picture to include at least ONE Lion from the club you are visiting for events, fundraisers, and projects.
4. Bells, gavels, and banners are the ONLY items subject to “borrowing” and only between the opening and closing of the meeting. **NO BORROWING during district membership meetings.**
5. **Any property taken outside of these rules will disqualify the visitation.**

The Governor’s official visit to a club is not a regular meeting therefore it does not count as a visitation. No club shall visit another club during the clubs official Governor visitation.

DISTRICT 4-L4 Club Visitation Report

Contest Dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 due by April 5, 2026, to be considered for contest.

Visiting Club / Zone _____

Club Visited * / Zone _____ [] in person [] virtual.

Date of Visitation / Type _____

Number of Lions _____

Reporting & rules: see information on Purpose, Rules, & Protocol

Clubs with a membership of 40 or less require two members attending to qualify as a visitation. 41-90 total membership requires 3 members and clubs of 91 and larger require four members to attend. Membership is based on numbers at the time of visitation.

Visitations prior to 7/30/25 are exempt from these rules.

Prior contact with the club you are visiting and their approval is required as well as ONLY showing up with the approved number of lions so you do not overwhelm a small club or small space as multiple clubs may be visiting.

If the Lion is an ASSOCIATE MEMBER, they cannot get credit for a visit to the club they are an associate of, if they are (for example, if the Lion is a member of Club A and an Associate of Club B, they cannot count as a visit at Club B as a Club A Visit!!!) Visit as part of District Committee does not count as a club visit.

Visitation Chair Signature _____

Visited Club President or Secretary Signature: _____

THIS FORM IS FOR VISIT TO MEETINGS ONLY.

All projects, fundraisers, events, etc. do not require this form. Please take a picture WITH at least ONE lion from the club or club banner you are visiting and send it to the Cabinet Secretary along with a description and date via email. (for example you visit Silverado Days – take a picture with a Buena Park Lion, send the picture in and say VISIT by Seal Beach Lions to Silverado Days on Saturday 08/16 with 5 Lions..... you work a project such as the Tustin Tiller Days, take a picture with a Tustin Host Lion and all of your club members working, send the picture in and say WORKED Tustin Tiller Days booth 4 lions 3 hours each)

Committee Meetings as part of your committee duties ARE NOT a visit. Events NOT open to all lions are NOT a visit.

DISTRICT JOINING HANDS IN SERVICE AWARD
A 4L4 Legacy Project thanks to PDG Bob Suseata

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026



We are asking clubs to JOIN HANDS IN SERVICE and work with other clubs on their projects or events, on a district approved project or with other service organizations. **THIS IS BASED ON DATES ABOVE ONLY**

Reach out to other clubs in our district and offer your help on their event or project. Work with a Leo Club on their project. As a club help your local area Boys & Girls Club, Senior Center, Community Center, or other local groups. Find a District Approved Project and help them with one of their events, fundraisers, or projects.

Purpose: To foster friendships and bonds between different clubs and organizations to better the community and world. For smaller clubs to have a larger impact on their community by working together.

To receive credit, the club secretary must report the activity on LCI Portal and within the TITLE call it Joining Hands In Service. (I.E. Joining Hands In service – Ice Cream Truck 04/01/2022)

Any Lion within 4L4 may submit a nomination letter by April 5, 2026, to the District Governor and Cabinet Secretary. The description must give specifics about how the activity demonstrates Joining Hands in Service.

AWARDS: Awards will be determined by District Governor

DISTRICT LEO OF THE YEAR

Contest dates: April 1, 2025 – March 1, 2026

This award will be given at the Leo Award Meeting

The District Leo of the Year Award recognizes the Leo who has most distinguished himself/herself as an active and contributing Leo in the district and/or local club. Consideration will be given to achievements from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The recipient will be honored by the District Governor at the Leo Award Meeting.

Nomination Requirements:

Lions Club President or Club Leo Advisor shall submit the names and qualifications of nominees by email or postal mail to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary by April 5, 2026.

The nomination must be typed in 12-point type; handwritten nominations not accepted. Nominations should be no more than three (3) pages. It must address the judging criteria and give specifics, which shows the strength of the Leo nominee.

Only nominations which are typed and on time will be considered.

Basic Eligibility of Nominees

The nominee must meet the following requirements:

- Active in his/her club and participated in at least 50% of the club projects/fundraisers.
- Participated in at least one district Leo project
- Active with his/her sponsoring Lions Club
- Attended at least 2 District Leo Meetings
- Minimum of 75 hours plus of service verified by Leo Advisor
- Not a past winner of District Leo of the year

Judging Criteria

Area of Emphasis:

Exemplifies the Leo Motto

Exemplifies outstanding leadership in the furtherance of Leos

Other Criteria:

Activities and project participation

Mentorship of other Leos

Working with Sponsor Club

Attitude & Cooperation with others

Participation on district level

Committee participation

Joining hands in service

Sincerity of purpose

LEO PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025- March 1, 2026

Nomination due date: MARCH 2, 2026

This award will be given at the Leo Award Meeting

This award moves onto the MD4 Award

Lion Club President or Leo Advisor may submit the names and qualifications of nominees by e-mail to the District Governor **and** the Cabinet Secretary.

The minimum qualifications for the award:

- Leo Club participation in at least one project
- Leo Club participation in one club fundraiser
- Attending at least 2 District Leo meetings.
- Work with Sponsor club on at least one project or fundraiser
- Works with District on at least one project

LEO CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Nomination due date: March 2, 2026

This award will be given at the Leo Award Meeting

This award moves onto the MD4 Award

LEO PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Contest dates: July 1, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Nomination due date: March 2, 2026

This award will be given at the Leo Award Meeting

This award moves onto the MD4 Award

2024-2025 DISTRICT 4-L4 AWARDS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lion Josephine Fulton
(Pomona Host Lions)

LION OF THE YEAR

Lion Mike Zozaya
(Laguna Niguel Lions)

PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Lion Mike Pierce
(Stanton Lions)

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Lion Karen Eubanks
(Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions)

TREASURER OF THE YEAR

Lion Denton Mosier
(Seal Beach Lions)

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Lion Kari & Jeff Schlagheck
(Orange County Central Lions)

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Tustin Host Lions

2024-2025 DISTRICT 4-L4 AWARDS

PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Division A – Costa Mesa Goathill Lions – Christmas Tree Light Project

Division B – Garden Grove- 2nd Grader Flag Program

Division C – Huntington Beach Host - Jr. Lifeguard Pancake Breakfast

Division D – Seal Beach, Rivers End Clean Up and Restoration

“JOINING HANDS IN SERVICE” AWARD

Costa Mesa Newport Lions Club

Certificate of Recognition:

Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club

Seal Beach Lions Club.

Tustin Host Lions Club

CLUB VISITATION RECOGNITION

Seal Beach Lions Club

Certificate of Recognition:

Huntington Beach Host Lions

Tustin Host Lions

LCI PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Lion Dr. Cindee Quan

Diamond Bar Lions

LCI PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lion Mike Zozaya

(Laguna Niguel Lions)

2024-2025 DISTRICT 4-L4 AWARDS

LCI PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Lion Steve Christy
(Huntington Beach Host Lions)

PDG Mark Piva
(Huntington Beach Host Lions)

Lion Cheryl Zozaya
(Laguna Niguel Lions)

Lion Kevin Young
(Seal Beach Lions)

MD4 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Lion Kari Schlagheck
(Orange County Central Lions)

Lion Vanessa Perkins
(La Habra Host Lions)

LEO OF THE YEAR

Audrey Doratan – Diamond Bar Community Leo Club

LEO CLUB OF THE YEAR

Diamond Bar Community Leos

LEO PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Kyan Whiten, Seal Beach Community Leo Club

LEO PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The Youth Center Project – Seal Beach Community Leo Club