

THE RULES

Contests, Awards, Achievements

Distinguished Service Award



Multiple District 19
Lions Clubs International

MD19 LIONS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RULES

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest Award the Multiple District presents to one of its members. It is given for service and activities that are performed on the multiple district level. It shall be given to a Lion who has been a member for 7 or more years.

The Multiple District 19 Distinguished Service Award is not in recognition for club, zone or district activities. The Lion nominee must have served on the Multiple District level for at least 4 years in some capacity that was of benefit to all districts in the multiple district, such as serving as a multiple district committee chairperson, committee member or volunteering at the Multiple District 19 office.

The Nominations should include the following factors:

1. Effort and accomplishment,
2. Ideas carried out to completion,
3. Continued work on behalf of the Multiple District, and
4. General Service in behalf of Lionism.

The following persons are not eligible to be nominated or considered for the award:

1. Members of the Multiple District 19 leadership, extension, membership, public relations or retention committees or teams who are serving as chairpersons or coordinators of their respective committees or teams,
2. The seated Council Chairperson and Vice Council, and
3. Previous recipients of the award.

Nominations may be submitted by the following Lions:

1. Any seated District Governor,
2. The Council Chairperson,
3. The Multiple District 19 Executive Director, and
4. The Multiple District 19 leadership, extension, membership, public relations or retention committees or teams, as a group.

Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form supplied by the Multiple District 19 office.

Nominations must be received by the Multiple District 19 office and the Multiple District 19 Contests and Awards chairperson on or before 90 days before the commencement of the Multiple District 19 annual convention for the fiscal year in which it is offered.

Any nomination for the award shall be valid for the 3 succeeding Multiple District 19 conventions following said nomination, *provided*, the member is otherwise eligible for

the award under the terms and conditions of these rules that were in effect at the time he or she was nominated. Additional nominations of a nominee received within the 3 convention periods during which his or her nomination is valid shall not extend the term the nomination may be considered beyond the 3 Multiple District 19 conventions following the first nomination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit the number of times a member may be nominated.

A nominations screening committee comprised of the Council Chairperson, the Multiple District 19 contests and awards chairperson, one seated District Governor who has been selected by the Council Chairperson, the Multiple District 19 Executive Director, and a representative from the Multiple District 19 leadership, extension, membership, public relations and retention committees or teams. The Multiple District 19 contests and awards chairperson shall serve as the screening committee chairperson, and shall set a date, time and location to consider the nominations received. The members of the screening committee shall not disclose, nor cause to be disclosed, the names of nominees. When the final name has been selected, that name will be kept in confidence until the Council Chairperson announces the honoree at the Multiple District 19 Annual Convention. When the presentation is made, the Council Chairperson will share the achievements of the honoree as found on the nomination form.