

Dear Lion:

The MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation is seeking qualified youth who would like to travel to another country through the Lions Youth Exchange Program. To encourage participation, the Foundation offers a scholarship to assist in paying expenses. The deadline for submission of an application is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring this to the attention of all your club members and any members of your community who you believe may have an interest.

Sincerely,

George Robison, MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation President

### YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Applicant must:

1. Meet all the age requirements for an exchange.  
See <http://www.lionsyouthexchange.org/> for more information. For LCI program information, see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/youth-camp-and-exchange/index.php>.
2. Live in MD19.
3. Be sponsored by a Lions Club within MD19.
4. A scholarship will not pay the full cost. Cost is usually limited to transportation and insurance for the trip, plus money for incidentals and souvenirs. A committee of the MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation will set the exact amount of a scholarship based on need and other criteria. Remaining program costs may be paid by the sponsoring Lions club, by the participant, the participant's family, or a combination of these sources.
5. Complete an MD19 Youth Exchange Travel Application Form, together with a photo of yourself and a photo of your family. Include two letters of reference from persons other than family members and a letter of introduction to a potential host family, written by yourself.
6. Submit the MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation scholarship application. Applications are due on January 1 of the year intended for travel. Awards are valid for travel in the year awarded.
7. The family of a youth who receives a scholarship will be urged to host a youth at a future date, preferably within 2 years. A host family need not have membership in a Lions Club.
8. A scholarship recipient must make an oral presentation upon return, at the sponsoring Lions Club and possibly at a Zone or District meeting.
9. A Scholarship Committee, appointed by the MD19 Youth Exchange President, shall review all applications, select recipients and set the amount of each award. Committee review may need supplemental financial information or need to meet with the applicant and family.
10. Scholarship recipients and amounts shall be announced by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the travel year. Decisions are final.

