



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

YOUNG AMBASSADOR OF THE 21st CENTURY APPLICATION FORM

Name of candidate:

Sponsoring Lions Club:

Name of Lions Club Young Ambassador Officer and contact details:

Background Information

The aim of the scheme which operates internationally is to recognise, encourage and support young people who are actively involved in the welfare of the community. In previous years, candidates have been involved in helping young and older people, disabled people of all ages, conservation, crime prevention, promoting healthier lifestyles, hospital radio and other initiatives.

Through the scheme, Lion, Leo and Lioness clubs sponsor selected young people who have demonstrated a commitment to the Lions' ideal of service to the community.

Having been selected by a club, candidates will be interviewed by a club panel of judges, and if successful, a further panel of judges at zone, region and district levels. The person selected at each District Final will represent that Lions' District at the Multiple District (MD) Final – one candidate per District.

All participants at the MD Final will receive a bursary, sponsored by Winterflood Securities Ltd., of £500 and the winner will receive an additional bursary of £1000. These bursaries are intended to be spent on community service projects with which candidates are personally involved and will be authorised and administered by their sponsoring club.

Whilst only a relatively small number of candidates can hope to receive one of these bursaries, the main purpose of the Young Ambassador scheme is to encourage Lion, Leo and Lioness clubs to support the particular initiatives and projects brought to their attention by young people wishing to participate in the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century scheme. It is also of great benefit in the personal development of all Young Ambassador candidates.

Winners of the Multiple District Final are required to compete at Europa Forum for the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century European Award.

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Rules of the competition

The scheme is open to male and female candidates who have reached their 15th birthday but not yet reached their 19th birthday on or before 30th June in the year in which the MD Final is to be held. Candidates must be sponsored by a Lion, Leo or Lioness club. Members of Leo and Lioness clubs are eligible to put themselves forward for selection as a candidate, provided that they are not sponsored by their own club and are within the age range specified. Previous winners of an MD Final are not eligible for selection.

The selection of candidates to proceed further in the scheme will be by a panel of 3 non-Lion judges (male and female) covering the areas of education, youth work or community service and industry or commerce. No candidate may be related to a member of this judging panel. In judging the winner, the judges will take into account:

- The extent of the candidate's involvement in community service, for which 50% of the marks can be allocated.
- The personality and leadership qualities of the candidate (15% of the marks).
- The candidate's detailed proposals for the use of the bursary (15% of the marks).
- The candidate's ability to speak for up to 3 minutes and be interviewed about their service activities (20% of the marks).

The MD award consists of:

a) £1,500 bursary, sponsored by Winterflood Securities Ltd., to be used for a community service project with which the winner must be **actively involved** or for training which will enable the winner to extend or develop their community service. It cannot just be donated to a worthy cause.

b) The Winterflood Securities Ltd. Silver Rose Bowl, which is held for one year.

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c) A small silver replica of the Winterflood Securities Ltd. Rose Bowl.

d) A commitment to attend and address the Lions MD Convention in the same year as the Final, with expenses paid by the MD Youth Trust.

e) An invitation to attend the MD International Youth Centre in the same year as the Final, with all expenses paid by the Multiple District.

f) A commitment to compete at Europa Forum for the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century European Award.

In addition, 12 District bursaries of £500, also sponsored by Winterflood Securities Ltd. are awarded to the runners-up, to be used in the same way as specified in point (a). Prizes/awards are presented at other levels of the competition at the discretion of the club or District involved.

As part of this Application Form, each candidate is required to produce a written statement detailing their proposals for use of a bursary which must personally involve the candidate. **It is not appropriate to propose to use the bursary as a cash gift to a charity, hospital etc., nor is it appropriate to use the bursary for a project with which the candidate is not involved.**

In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of the rules of the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century scheme or in the terms of the proposed use of the bursary, the decision made by the MD Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Committee shall be final.



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APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete in BLACK, either on computer or hand-written)

Candidate's name	
Date of birth	
Address	
Telephone numbers (land line and mobile) and email address	

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S APPROVAL

I certify that my son/daughter may attend the MD105 Final of the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century, MD Convention, an International Youth Camp and the European Final if successful in earlier rounds.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The candidate should enclose a copy of a letter of support for their entry from an organisation they have nominated to receive the bursary.

Signature of organisation's representative: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On separate sheets, the candidate should enclose the following information with this application:

Section 1: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – details of all their welfare work.

Section 2: HOBBIES, INTERESTS, etc.

Signature of Applicant _____

Please complete the back page for Use of the Bursary →→→→ → → →

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USE OF THE BURSARY - This plan should include details of how you would spend the £500 bursary. If you are the District Winner and go through to the MD Final, a further bursary plan must be calculated for the additional £1,000 (a total of £1,500) you may be successful in winning.

Aim of the use of the bursary, including details of the group/s to be helped – please continue on a separate sheet if more space is required

	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
Total		

The Lions Club of understands that it is a requirement that the authorisation for use and administration of the bursary sponsored by Winterflood Securities Ltd. should be undertaken by the sponsoring club, should this candidate be a participant or winner at the MD Final and signs their agreement to this condition.

Signed President. Signed Treasurer

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