

Town of Fallsburg Lions Club

Application for Annual Achievement Award



WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG LIONS CLUB is one of the largest Clubs in New York State. As such, we are pleased to offer annual Achievement Awards to graduating high school seniors who exemplify the ideals set forth in our Criteria. We know you are one of those Individuals and, as such, we hope to see you continue in service to your community, either as a LION or in another civic service capacity. These documents will help guide you through our application process and we take this opportunity to wish you a bright future.

THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG LIONS CLUB has been in existence for almost a half century. We are only one of thousands of LIONS Clubs, worldwide, united under the umbrella of LIONS INTERNATIONAL and linked together by specific service goals and purposes. One of the earliest and most famous LIONS was the legendary HELEN KELLER.

Although the main objective of "Lionism" is to assist the SIGHT AND HEARING IMPAIRED within our communities, LIONS have, over the years, branched out into other service areas as well. We are a true service organization, in that we believe and practice the concept of "being our brothers' keepers" within the areas served by our individual Clubs, whether in Stockholm, Sweden...London, England...Kiev, Russia or Fallsburg, New York.

"HOW DO LIONS KEEP BUSY?"

- We fund and build major eye care centers;
- We educate the public to the importance of guarding their sight and hearing against the ravages of disease;
- We arrange for eye and hearing exams at every school level;
- We transport precious donor corneas to hospitals for patients awaiting transplants;
- We arrange for and transport individuals to eye doctor and audiologist visits;
- We collect millions of pairs of new and used eyeglasses each year for recycling in third-world countries;
- We hold several annual fundraisers, such as bar-b-ques and golf tournaments which help finance our work;
- We build ball fields for youth, day camps for physically challenged children and adults;
- We gather several times each month, locally, to update ongoing projects and initiate new ventures AND we attend District, State, National and International LION Conventions to share views and ideas on new medical care and internal government of our Clubs.

We wish you the best of luck in your quest for one of these prestigious "Achievement Awards," and please remember...include community service in your future!

The Board of Directors and Awards Committee, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club

CRITERIA
THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG LIONS CLUB "ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"

In order to qualify for a Town of Fallsburg LIONS Club Annual Achievement Award, the following criteria, established by the Awards Committee, shall be met:

1. Applicant should be enrolled as a Senior in Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School in the Fallsburg Central School System; however, the Committee may, in any given year and at its discretion, consider applicants not enrolled in the Fallsburg School District, but who reside within the geographic confines of the area served by The Town of Fallsburg LIONS Club.
2. Applicant must be a prospective June graduate in the year the Award is being solicited, and must prove registration in an accredited College, University or other School of Continuing Education for the immediate September semester. Proof shall be provided to The Committee via a letter, signed by the Bursar/Registrar of the College, University or other School of Continuing Education and bearing impress of the school's seal, attesting to paid enrollment for the upcoming school term. (If the applicant is scheduled to graduate in January of the following year, he/she may be an Award recipient, with presentation scheduled for June of that subsequent year, provided registration in an accredited College, University or other School of Continuing Education is certified for the following September semester).
3. Applicant must exemplify the ideals of volunteerism, service within his/her school and community, and be of good moral and ethical character, and be a well-rounded student with regard to school-supervised activities, extra-curricular activities and academics. Should the aspect of financial or special needs become known, such consideration shall be addressed by The Committee as additional valid criteria. All deliberations of The Committee shall be held in the strictest confidence, and all Applicants shall be judged equally;
4. Applicant must secure a Request Form from his/her Guidance Office, and must submit same, together with a letter outlining the reasons for consideration and accompanied by a detailed listing of accomplishments and expectations, to the Town of Fallsburg LIONS Club Award Committee no later than **March 21st, 2024** of the Award year. If the Application is returned via mail, it must be postmarked no later than March 20th, 2024. All documents must be type-written or printed and signed by the student's Guidance Counselor as to authenticity of content. Letters of recommendation from members of the community, educators, personal acquaintances, employers, etc., shall be welcome.
5. Town of Fallsburg LIONS Club shall advise Applicant, in writing, prior to The Club's Annual Charter Installation and Award Dinner, scheduled for June of the given year, of his/her choice as an Award recipient. (Applicant shall endeavor to attend the Award Dinner, as a guest of The Club, for a formal presentation ceremony. Family and friends are welcome to attend at their own expense.)

6. The Committee may, in any given year and at its discretion, bestow an Achievement Award, utilizing criteria in addition to, or other than, that which is outlined herein.
7. All legitimate applications will be considered by The Committee.

The Town of Fallsburg Lions Club “Achievement Award” Request Form

Please type or print legibly

Personal Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone Number:

Parents Name:

Graduating From:

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

Grade Point Average:

What school do you expect to attend?

Extracurricular activities and community service (please list and explain briefly below):

Career Goals and Expectations:

Essay: "Why am I a unique individual and should be considered for the Lions Achievement Award?"

Unusual circumstances or special needs (all information will be held in strictest confidence):

Please attach any letters of recommendation to this request form, sign where indicated below and have your guidance counselor sign as well. Mail completed form to:

Timothy Pantel, Chairman
The Town of Fallsburg Lions Club
"Achievement Award Committee"
P.O. Box 370
South Fallsburg, NY 12779

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____

Date: _____