

TO WHOM DOES THE BRANDEL/MURPHY YOUTH FOUNDATION AWARD GRANTS?

The Foundation makes grants to Lions Clubs and Lions Districts in Multiple District 20. Grants will not be made to individuals or non-Lions related agencies. All grants must be requested by an active Lions club or District.

WHAT IS THE MONETARY AMOUNT OF A GRANT?

All requests must be a maximum of **\$2,000** with an equal matching amount verifiable by the Grant Committee. The number of grants will be based on the amount of resources raised during the preceding Lions' year and held in reserve by the Foundation for that purpose. The total amount of funding for grants will be determined in each cycle by recommendation of the Grants Committee and Foundation Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

The availability of funding at any time is based on the amount remaining in the reserve following the quarterly meetings of the Grant Committee.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR GRANT REQUEST REVIEW?

The Brandel/Murphy Grants Committee meets **four times** during the Lions year for application review: **January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31. Deadline for receipt of applications is 30 days prior to these grant review dates. If a grant application is not received in time for a given quarterly review cycle, it will be tabled and reviewed in the next 3 month cycle.**

HOW ARE GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED?

All grant applications are evaluated by the Grant Committee at the meeting dates indicated above. There must be a clear demonstration of need based on the closeness of purpose as outlined in the section on Criteria and the detail provided. All requests must provide enumerated budgets with appropriate detail and back-up material. Not all submissions will be approved but all will be viewed in a **competitive** light.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA USED TO JUDGE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF A REQUEST?

Projects must meet the general standards suggested by the Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation mission statement.

The Mission Statement is: "To provide assistance to children in need, throughout the state of New York and the country of Bermuda, through partnerships with Lions and other organizations, by supporting programs that will improve the lives of those served".

Consistent with those goals, a grant may be requested to fulfill needs in these types of areas and purposes (these are examples and are not restrictive):

- providing assistance to children who are in need of specialized medical/mobility equipment or care for which a family does not have the financial resources;
- projects involving children to improve their sports development, physical wellbeing, community service, education, or quality of life;
- requests for funding of specific improvements to institutions or agencies serving children by supporting programs fulfilling the goals in the Mission Statement;
- projects which provide direct, personal care to resolve actual illnesses or potential physical problems;
- grant applications may be submitted to support projects designed to enhance the education of youth through improvement to the physical plants of such agencies which are sight related serving the needs of youth;
- preferred projects should have an element of longevity with results providing measurable assistance to the child or children.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special projects or programs may be considered. The Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation Board reserves the right to review other funding opportunities in the nature of major projects presented to and determined by the Board of Directors. For example, these might be for alternative organizational support, Multiple District programs supporting specific children's issues, or assistance to health facilities serving the needs of young people.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTABILITY

- In order to affirm Lions' participation in the program or project, some direct personal engagement in the program or project is preferred.
- A clear, short statement of anticipated outcomes demonstrating the impact of the grant on the youth will be required.
- The current President of the requesting club or the District Governor if it is a District project will be responsible for verifying the outcomes of the program or grant upon termination or conclusion of the grant. A written report will be provided to the Foundation.
- A completed application will be required using the form which is part of this package and, where possible, should be in typed format using 12 point Times New Roman font.

ASSISTANCE

Should there be questions of clarification needed, please call the Chairman of the Grant committee at **845-489-1578** or email at **jwargo@yahoo.com**.