**MCKINNEY LIONS**

**STUDENTS IN SERVICE AWARD- 2023-2024**

The motto of the **McKinney Noon Lion’s Club** is “We Serve”. The McKinney Noon Lion’s Club has established a new cash award for students in McKinney. With service at the forefront of the work of the McKinney Lion’s Club, the **Students in Service Award** will recognize students in McKinney ISD and local charter schools who have contributed time and considerable effort to true service activities throughout the year. The McKinney Lions will recognize up to 4 qualified students with a **$1000 cash award (each)**, as well as a certificate of merit. Students enrolled in **grades 9-12 may apply**. Students from all three McKinney High Schools, Serenity High School and the International Charter School are eligible to participate.

The **Students in Service Award** may be used for any purpose that the student feels is a need. Examples: Community College tuition; transportation for post-secondary employment; post-secondary living expenses; travel for service projects, mission trips, etc.

Awards may be given to individuals at different campuses, all 4 awards may go to students attending the same campus. Students will be recognized at the school board meeting in the spring and at a regular Lion’s Club meeting in the spring.

Awards will be given based on a point system. Points will be awarded based on responses to the questions on the application form. Forms will be evaluated by a committee selected by the McKinney Noon Lions Club**. Deadline to submit an application is March 28, 2024.**

**Criteria to apply:**

1. Service activities must take place between January 1, 2023 and March 28, 2024. **Deadline to submit the application is March 28, 2024.**
2. The application is for a single year of service activity.
3. Students from McKinney High School, Boyd High School, McKinney North High School, Serenity High School, McKinney International Leadership High School.
4. Students who are enrolled in grades 9-12 may apply. Students are welcome to reapply each year with new service activities.
5. Letter of support from a teacher, club sponsor, or counselor. The support letter should confirm that to the best of their knowledge, the student has completed the services reported.
6. Form, including narrative, completed by the student.

**Form content:**

All forms must be downloaded and completed electronically.

The form should be “saved as” **STUDENT IN SERVICE AWARD, STUDENT’S LAST NAME**

**No handwritten forms will be accepted.**

**Service activity, or activities** must be detailed and include dates, times and a basic

description of the activity. The form will expand as needed to complete the

information. **All service activities must take place between January 1, 2023 and March 28, 2024.**

The **Narrative** portion of the form may include:

 Personal life philosophy

 Why service is important to you

 Awards and recognitions

 Post-secondary plan, or career objective

 Academic standing (although not a requirement)

 Personal background, goals, and challenges.

A **Letter of Support** from a counselor, club sponsor, or teacher should be completed, **signed, scanned, and delivered to the student electronically.** The student will include the letter as an attachment along with the application. Both documents must be included in the same email entry. **The letter should confirm knowledge of student’s participation in service.**

The form will expand to accommodate the student’s narrative. The student may use as much space as necessary to fully complete their application.

Students must be willing to participate in a face-to-face interview with a panel of judges should a tie occur. Up to 50 additional points will be awarded for a face-to-face interview if needed.

Once the student has completed to application form and received their letter of support, the **documents should be returned via email attachment** to:

**McKinneyNoonLions@gmail.com**

**Subject Line: Students in Service- (Last Name of student)**

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