

SIGHT AWARD

The William T. Murphy Eye Research Sight Award



The William T. Murphy Eye Research Sight Award is the highest honor an individual, group, or organization can receive from Massachusetts Lions Eye Research. This award is given to those who have made a significant donation to MLERF, or to those who have displayed outstanding and dedicated service to MLERF, their club or their community, while upholding the ideals of MLERF and research.

The criteria may include fund raising activities, dedicated work on projects for the blind or visually impaired, or overall service for the goals of eye research. This award is given only by the candidate's peers. It cannot be purchased by an individual themselves. Lion and Leo clubs are limited to one award per year, earned by donating \$1,000 or more over the previous year's donations.

The "Sight Award" plaque and distinctive pin should be presented at a special occasion such as a District Mid-Winter Convention, a District Advisory Meeting, MD33 State Convention, the MLERF Awards Banquet, or other special function.

Should a club want an MLERF officer to present the award, a short description of the individual/group receiving the award that highlights the key attributes that led to the choosing of this individual/group should be provided.



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION



PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE



The **Presidential Excellence Medal** is an award designed to allow the President of MLERF to recognize Lions or Leos who have provided outstanding service to MLERF during the president's year. The medals are presented at special occasions, such as the MD33 State Convention or the MLERF Awards banquet.

Members of the MLERF board may make recommendations to the President of individuals they think are deserving of this recognition, and of whom the President may not be aware. All Presidential Excellence medals are at the discretion of the president.

CLUB BANNER PATCHES



The Board of Directors will award a **banner patch and rocker(s)** to clubs that meet the following contributions each year. The first year a club gains recognition, a MLERF Patch is given and a rocker designating the Lion's year. In subsequent years, only a rocker is given with the year of the recognition.

Blue Border: Donation of \$500 - \$ 4,999

Red Border: Donation of \$5,000 - \$9,999

Bronze Border: Donation of \$10,000 - \$19,999

Silver Border: Donation of \$20,000 - \$29,999

Gold Border: Donation of \$30,000 and above

VISIONARY AWARD



The purpose of this award is to encourage **new** support and fundraising ideas by all Lions, friends of Lions and vision research supporters. Existing Club and district fundraising events **are not** included in this program. Individuals who raise and contribute \$250 or more, **in one lump sum**, will receive this beautifully designed **Visionary Award** lapel pin. Individuals may earn this award on an annual basis, and all monies donated are earmarked for the Grant Program. This award is for individuals only, but will count towards the total club donations for the year.

If a non-Lion or non-LEO contributes to the grant for a Visionary Award, they are asked to provide the name of the club to be credited. If no club is designated, the funds will be allocated to the district of the current president of MLERF. A submission form is required to receive this award.

CLUB MILESTONES

Leading Club in Each Sub-District

At the MLERF Annual Awards Banquet, the club with the highest donation in their district is recognized with a plaque.

Historical Milestone Awards

Clubs reaching historical donation levels starting at \$200,000 are given a plaque denoting their lifetime donation levels. As a club reaches the next \$100,000 level, they are recognized for achieving this next incredible milestone.

TRUST AND ENDOWMENT FUND

Two awards are available through donations to the **Trust and Endowment Fund**. Individuals, clubs, or corporate sponsors may designate donations to this fund. The funds generated from The Celebration of Life honorariums are also earmarked for this fund.

A donor may honor a deserving living recipient or memorialize an individual they want remembered. Through your will, a bequest can be made to the Trust and Endowment Fund. Individuals wishing to consider this avenue are encouraged to contact the MLERF, Inc. treasurer for a brochure that helps to explain how to make this bequest as well as to consult appropriate legal counsel.

These Trust and Endowment awards are presented to the donor or their designee at the following levels:

Founder Award: \$10,000 contribution

Researcher Award: \$5,000 contribution

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

All clubs who donate to MLERF receive a **certificate of appreciation** noting the amount that was donated for that Lions' year.