

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – January 19th, 2014

The Lions Youth Exchange Committee has reviewed and accepted 4 applications for our District Youth Exchange Scholarship. Our District Scholarship application includes 3 letters of recommendation and the completion of 3 short essays. Along with these requirements scholarship candidates must have a direct family relationship with a member of a Lions, Lioness Club or be a current member of a Leo Club & attend a Lions International Youth Exchange Camp of their choice. The scholarship amount for 2013-14 is \$1000 per individual.

2014 Scholarship Recipients

Name	Country Preferences (1 st choice)	Sponsoring Lions Club
Krisann Holthaus	Germany	Monroe Lions Club
Madeline Kornell	Estonia	Marshall Lions Club
Sarah Guy	Germany	Cottage Grove Lions Club
Meredith Larson	Undecided	Beloit Noon Lions Club

Along with outgoing youth, we are currently seeking HOST FAMILIES to participate in the program. Our district is responsible for hosting ~5 international youth. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-19) into your home for about 4-5 weeks (of which one week the youth spends at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting usually occurs through the month of July. A list of international youth applicants is available at the Wisconsin Lions International Youth Exchange Program web site <http://www.wilions.org/youthexchange/>. The applications are password protected so please contact me directly (contact info below) and I will guide you to the applications.

Finances/Budget

2013/14 Club donations **\$3953.00.**

Carryover = **\$5371.57**

Account total = **\$9324.57**

Estimated Expenses:

Scholarships 4 x \$1000

District camp fee \$1700

Host Family Stipends \$750 (\$150/family x 5 families)

27-D1 Madison Field Trip Camp Meal Reimbursement - \$200

Total estimated cost for district 2013-14 27-D1 08-09 International Youth Exchange Program = \$6650

Account balance carryover > 2014-15 ~2674.57

Youth Exchange Club Recognition letters & patches will be given out at District Convention 2014

Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Dave Peltier, Terry Miller, Joe Kornell & Ben August.*

It is a pleasure serving on this committee and participating in a program that satisfies the first objective of the Lions **“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world”**

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