

Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian work. (It is not an award in the tradition of Lions awards presented for specific accomplishments.) The fellowship is an honor given to individuals who contribute the equivalent of US\$1000 to LCIF, and persons for whom such donations are made by others. The fellowship is the foundation's highest honor and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin and a personalized wall plaque in honor of their commitment to helping others.

When did the fellowship originate?

Created in 1973, the fellowship is named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

Is the fellowship for Lions only?

The fellowship is not limited to Lions clubs members. It is open to non-Lions to whom identical recognition is presented.

May the fellowship be presented posthumously?

Yes, the fellowship may be given in memory of a deceased individual. In those cases, the plaque is inscribed, "in memory of" and is presented to the individual named by the donor to receive them. (Often the plaque, pin and letter are presented to a close relative of the deceased.) When filling out the application, please provide all of the information requested for the person to whom the recognition will be presented (the family member). That information is required to prepare an appropriate letter for presentation with the plaque.

Who can contribute toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship?

Contributions can be made by individuals including non-Lions, Clubs, or Districts in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of US\$100 over a five-year period, but only individuals can receive fellowship recognition.

Is it possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later?

Yes. You must tell us that the donation is to be applied toward an unnamed fellowship at the time it is sent in. Complete the yellow Melvin Jones Fellowship application (LCIF-42) or the application on the Melvin Jones Fellowship brochure (LCIF-24) available in PDF format.

Write "Melvin Jones Fellow to be named later on the cheque or bank draft.

When an individual's or group of individuals' personal donation(s) are accumulated for a club's use to select a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, we require documentation of the consent of the original donor(s) in writing, signed by each individual. When a club's donation(s) are accumulated for a fellowship recipient to be selected by the district, LCIF requires signed documentation of the consent of the club. Please include such documentation with the Completed MJF application that is sent to LCIF Donor & Financial Services.