

To: LEO Club Advisors/Sponsor and Sponsoring Club Presidents

From: PDG Jim Cech, District 24-L LITPC Scholarship Team

10/10/2026

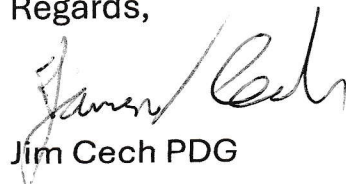
Subj: Encouragement for MD24-L Graduating Seniors to apply for the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) scholarships.

History: Each year the LITPC awards Youth Scholarships to multiple graduating high school seniors (public or home schooled) who are a child/grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, or a member of a LEO club. The Youth Scholarship Program is intended to help young people pursue their education and follow their dreams.

Awards: Ten \$5,000 Youth Scholarships will be awarded in July 2027. Award selection begins with the submission of an application to the Pin Traders Club (PTCV) Scholarship Chairman. Applications, found online at LITPC.org, are to be submitted by 1 March 2027, **MAIL ONLY**, to Lion Vrla Leach. Her address is enclosed. The Virginia applications will be reviewed and scored before the top candidates are sent to the LIPTC scholarship committee for final selection. Awards will be announced at the LIPTC annual meeting to be held during the International convention in Washington D.C.

Action: I'm requesting that this letter and the attachments be sent to All 24-L Club Presidents, Secretaires and LEO Club Advisors/sponsors. I would also ask that this opportunity be placed on the 24-L website.

Regards,



Jim Cech PDG

CC; Lion Vrla B. Leach

To: LEO Club Advisor/Sponsor

From: Lion Vrla Leach, Pin Traders Club of Virginia LITPC Youth Scholarship Chairperson

Concerning: Directions for Qualified Students to Apply for a LITPC Youth Scholarship from Virginia for 2026-2027

1. Enclosed are copies of the information and directions needed to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship.
2. Please give a copy to each 2026-2027 graduating Senior LEO Club member who wishes to apply for a 2026-2027 LITPC Youth Scholarship.
3. In June 2027 the Lions International Trading Pin Club, at their Annual Meeting, will award TEN \$5000 Youth Scholarships to TEN deserving students.

Please keep a copy of this information in case you need to make extra copies.

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LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

In June 2027, the Lions International Trading Pin Club will be awarding **TEN \$5000 Youth Scholarships** to a graduating Senior who is a child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, Lioness, or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue their education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Club International, **"WE SERVE"**. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, **"Lions First, Pin Traders Second."**

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. **Applications and supporting documentation** are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club Scholarship Chairman named below by **March 1, 2027**.

All graduating Seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs are encouraged to participate in the LITPC Youth Scholarship Program.

Important: Since Virginia has a pin trading club (PTCV), all scholarship applicants from Virginia **must submit their completed applications to Lion Vrla B. Leach**, PTCV Youth Scholarship Chairman, and not DG Steve Staudinger.

NOTE * THE 2026-2027 LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE POSTED AT LITPC.ORG AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026.**

To obtain LITPC Youth Scholarship Information:

1. Go on the LITPC website: **LITPC.ORG**
2. Click on LITPC Scholarship Form on the left column
3. Must mail completed application with all required information by **March 1, 2027**, All completed applications must be **MAILED** to Lion Vrla Leach, **NO COMPLETED APPLICATION OR PARTS OF WILL BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY.**

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APPLICATION MUST HAVE:

- a) **Completed current 2026-2027** Application with all five essay questions answered. **Each essay** response should not be more than 350 words in length.
- b) **Three Recommendations**. One of the three must be from a Lion member.
- c) **A certified, signed, and stamped High School Transcript with ALL grades.**
- d) A list of extra-curricular activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Vrla B Leach, preferably by Phone at 540-885-4240