

## **Guidance for the Candidates of the District 105A Young Ambassador of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award Final**

### **Aim:**

The aim of the program is to recognise, encourage and support the achievements of young people who are actively involved in the welfare of the community.

All candidates are winners having got to this stage, so the main aim of the day is to showcase your achievement, be recognised for your work and to enjoy yourself.

### **Judging Criteria**

Candidates will be judged on the following marking criteria:

The extent of community service (50%)

The personality and leadership qualities (15%)

Use of the bursary (15%) (£500 to spend on a project they are involved in)

Oral Presentation (20%) (3 minute presentation of their work)

### **Presentation**

Candidates are required to give a three minute presentation outlining their community work. The presentation will be given first to the assembled audience and the judges. After all candidates have given their presentations the interviews will take place.

### **Interviews**

The interviews will last no longer than 17 minutes and will be a chance for the judges to find out more about you and your community work. Try to relax and be comfortable as the judges are not out to test you but to get to know you.

### **Evidential Material**

Candidates are entitled to bring with them on the day a portfolio of evidential material of their community work, i.e. press cuttings, letters of support, certificates etc. This is not compulsory but can help to supplement your written application. Only one copy need be brought on the day and can be shared between the judges. Judges will each have been provided with a copy of your application form.

### **Winner addresses Convention**

The winner of the District Final is usually required to address the Lions District 105A annual convention. The presentation given is to feedback on the Young Ambassador experience and to inform Lions of the work of the winner. Guidance will be given to the candidate to prepare them for this presentation.

### **National Finals**

In the next round of the competition, the winning candidate goes on to compete against 12 other candidates from across the UK and Ireland. The format of the competition will be very similar to the District competition, although spread across a weekend and competing against more people.

### **European Final**

The winner of the National Final goes on to the European Final to be held in April.

If you have any questions, contact the District Young Ambassador Officer