

Family Membership

The *Family Membership Program* provides families with the opportunity to join a Lions Club, upon invitation, under a special family dues concession. The program is designed for either existing members who wish to invite other family members to join their club and for clubs that wish to expand their community service by involving more families from the community they serve,

“a family includes all members **living in the same household** related by birth, marriage, adoption, and other legal dependents, including such common family relations as parents, children, spouses, aunts/uncles, cousins and grandparents and in laws and other legal dependents.”

New family members must be invited and approved by the club's board and shall be Active Members with all rights and privileges. Adolescents and minor children shall not be entitled to formal membership. The same household residency requirement is not required if attending and institution of higher education or serving in the country's military.

The first family member shall pay the normal entrance fees and full international dues (as well as club, district and multiple district dues). Subsequent family members, up to a limit of four, more, shall be required to pay one half of the normal international dues and also one half of district dues and one half of multiple district dues. Subsequent family members, up to a limit of four, more, will also be exempted from any international entrance fees.

To verify same household residency and other eligibility requirements the club secretary shall complete a family unit certification form and provide a certification statement indicating the type of supporting documentation he/she received for determining the family members met the eligibility requirements. This form is available on line as part of the Web Monthly Membership Report or in paper form for clubs reporting member additions using the hard copy Monthly Membership Reporting Form. Copy attached.

The family household will receive only one copy of the Lion Magazine and one new member kit. However, membership certificates and lapel pins shall be provided to each member. Slightly different rules than those above apply in regard to Charter Clubs and enquiries will need to be made if considering chartering a new club.