

CHILDREN OF COURAGE 2020/2021 AWARDS PRESENTATION

(Districts 201W1 & 201W2)

**Saturday 29th March 2021
(Registration Time: 9:00am)**



INFORMATION FOR CLUB SPONSORSHIP

This information and attached forms can also be accessed online at <http://201w1.lions.org.au/courage> or <http://201w2.lions.org.au/courage>

ABOUT CHILDREN OF COURAGE

Children of Courage was introduced in 1983 by the late Past District Governor Joe Mason, AOM, who saw a need to provide for an awards program through which Lions Clubs in Western Australia could recognize a very special group of young Western Australians and their families. Since its modest beginnings, the Lions Children of Courage Awards has grown to be one of the most important annual events in the Western Australian Lions' calendar.

Children of Courage is NOT A COMPETITION. Every nominated child will receive an award.

In hosting this Annual Award, Lions Clubs aim to honour the individual achievements of extraordinary children in 3 categories and provide them with;

- RECOGNITION,
- ENCOURAGEMENT, and
- SELF-WORTH.

All children aged from 5 - 15 years of age at 1st February 2021 who fall into one of the categories listed below and who have not previously received a Children of Courage award, are eligible for nomination. Due to auditorium capacity available, up to first 60 nominations only will be accepted on a first-in-best-dressed basis.

CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARD CATEGORIES

1 Special Needs

For children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles or endeavoured to improve the quality of their own lives.

May include children who are confined to wheelchairs, are sight, hearing or speech impaired, have a long term or terminal medical condition or have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery or hospitalisation.

2 Courageous Act or Deed

For children who have acted bravely in an accident or life-threatening situation to assist in preventing further harm to other persons or property.

3 Outstanding Sporting Achievements

A child who has overcome personal hardship and/or disadvantage to achieve a high degree of sporting achievement as an individual or team member.

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN NOMINATE A CHILD OF COURAGE?

- Identify one or more children from your region who fits into one of the Children of Courage categories.
- Accept and follow up on nominations from Community Organisations passed on from your Children of Courage District Chairperson.
- Meet the child and parent/guardian and prepare a **maximum 200 words description** of the child's achievements which should include;
Special Needs - information about the child's disability or illness and examples of how they cope with their condition and strive to achieve a better life for themselves
Courageous Act or Deed - details of the accident or event and the child's actions, details of the person/s or property saved by the child's actions
Sporting Achievements - information about the disadvantage or hardship overcome, details of the specific sporting achievements
For all children - likes, interests and hobbies.
- Ensure Parent / Guardian of nominated child is given a Parent Information flyer. (included in Nomination Package)
- Obtain written consent for the child to be nominated for the award. (Parent Guardian Consent Form included in Nomination Package)
- Obtain a photograph of the child (printed on photographic paper or digital as JPG file)
- Complete the Club Nomination Form (included in the Nomination Package) and return with all required supporting material and payment of \$50 per nomination;
By Email: dj138471@gmail.com
By Post: Deb Jones Children of Courage C/- Lions Club of Canning City
PO Box 237 Parkwood WA 6147
By Cheque

NOMINATIONS FROM LIONS CLUBS

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 21st February 2021

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Each nominated child can be accompanied by up to 4 family members or guests and 2 members of their Nominating Lions Clubs. All participants (including 1 staff from Nominating Agencies, District Officials and Special Distinguished Guests) will receive an official invitation to attend. **Admission is strictly by invitation only for Lions Public Liability insurance purposes.**

Contact any of the Children of Courage Committee Members listed below for further information

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