

# Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

## *Helen Keller Award Application*

Award Recipient

Recipient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT! Please clearly print name exactly as it should appear on plaque**

Recipient's Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Recipients are invited to the Thanksgiving for Vision celebration in the following Lions year.*

Recipient's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lions affiliation of recipient (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Award is a memorial (recipient deceased).

Award Donor

Award is from (check one):      Club      District      Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Donor/Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donor/Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donor/Contact City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Donor/Contact E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment

This Helen Keller is covered by previous Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation contributions.

Enclosed is a check payable to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Shipping

Please **type or print name, complete address, and telephone number** of the person to whom the plaque, etc., are to be sent for presentation to the recipient.

**The plaques are sent via U.S. Postal Service.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form to:**

**Helen Keller Awards  
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation  
1000 Westgate Dr Ste 260  
Saint Paul, MN 55114**

**MLVF@MNLionsVisionFoundation.org  
Fax: 612-626-4295**

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## **Minnesota Lions Helen Keller Award**

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness. As a tribute to this inspirational woman, Minnesota Lions created the Helen Keller Award. The award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, Leo, non-Lion individual, business or organization. Recipients are typically persons or groups who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight and who see and care for the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.

A \$1,000 donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation allows the donor to present a Helen Keller Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin. The recipient's name is put up on the Helen Keller award board in the University of Minnesota's ophthalmology clinic. Both the donor and the recipient have the satisfaction of supporting worthwhile Lions projects.

Donations help the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the MAC Center, and other Vision Foundation endeavors. Donations can be in the form of a one-time payment or cumulative donations to equal \$1,000.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (now the Vision Foundation) established the Helen Keller Sight Award in 1992. Since then, more than 5,000 awards have been given to those who demonstrate caring and commitment to their communities or to the Lions sight mission.

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- **Allow 4 weeks for plaque delivery.**
  - Please fill out the application on the reverse carefully.
  - The exact name and spelling you provide will be used for the recipient's plaque. Write as neatly as possible!
  - Annually, the year's Helen Keller Award winners are invited to *Thanksgiving for Vision*, an educational symposium and inspirational lunch held the last Saturday in October. The recipients contact information is needed to send an invitation. The award recipient will not be contacted prior to the September invitation mailing.
  - Checks should be made to Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

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