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LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES



2026 "HOW TO MANUAL"

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2025 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

PLACE	AMOUNT	WINNER	DISTRICT
1st	\$5,000	Frankfort Lions Club	1-BK
2nd	\$1,000	Bonfield Lions Club	1-BK
3rd	\$1,000	Lemont Lions Club	1-BK
4th	\$1,000	Wanda Gustas	1-J
5th	\$1,000	Steve Frankenstein	1-M
6th	\$1,000	Gillian Blair	1-G
7th	\$500	Aric Coleman	1-D
8th	\$500	Warren Weaver	1-J
9th	\$500	Amy Russian-Crist	1-M
10th	\$500	Chris Redic	1-F
11th	\$500	Roger Kull	1-M
12th	\$500	Gene Bradford	1-D
13th	\$500	John Ahlgrim	1-F
14th	\$500	Pittsfield Lions Club	1-G
15th	\$500	Crete Lions Club	1-BK
16th	\$500	Thomas Wilson	1-CN
17th	\$250	Jenna Evans	1-CN
18th	\$250	Carolina Fabian	1-F
19th	\$250	Gerald Piccoli	1-J
20th	\$250	Crete Lions Club	1-BK
21st	\$250	Carl & Lisa Tebbe	1-CN
22nd	\$250	Lee Pluskota	1-BK
23rd	\$250	Ron Kiefer	1-J
24th	\$250	Jill Muth	1-J
25th	\$250	Chapin Lions Club	1-G
26th	\$250	Mitch Stewart	1-M

CONTRIBUTING TO OUR FOUNDATION

**IF YOUR CLUB DESIGNATED A REFUND,
THE REFUND WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF
THE SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING**



Lions of Illinois Foundation
Sight and Sound Sweepstakes 2026

Bob Jones
One Lions Club
PO Box 1
Chicago, IL 60665

District # 1-A Club # 1

Fellow Lions,

The Lions of Illinois Foundation's 46th Annual Sight and Sound Sweepstakes is underway. This is the second largest fundraiser to be used for Programs and Services that provide people within your communities with Vision and Hearing needs. Proceeds will also fund Vision and Hearing Programs and Services that your Lions of Illinois Foundation has established to serve throughout all communities in Illinois.

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, at the Bloomington Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761. 309-862-9000.

Your Club has been assigned 25 Sight & Sound Sweepstakes books. Your club is responsible for accounting for each book issued. Please fill out the form below and remit \$10.00 for each full book sold and \$4.00 for each individual ticket sold in a partial book. The Foundation needs the club to remit the funds to balance with the books sold.

The Early Bird Drawing is the first **Wednesday of March, April and May**. Sold books and money must be at the Foundation office by the **Tuesday** before the drawing **no later than 3pm**.

Final tickets and reports are to be returned to the Foundation office by **May 11th**. Tickets and reports taken to the State Convention that your club would like in the drawing must be turned in at the Sweepstakes table by **9:00 am** on the date of the drawing.

The Club Award Form is to be filled out for a Club who is donating 100% of the funds, requesting Zero percent back. This indicates that LIF Programs will receive all the ticket monies collected by the Club.

Thank you,

Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115
815-756-5633

Your donation will support people throughout Illinois with Vision and Hearing needs.

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES CLUB DONATION FORM

The Early Bird Drawing is the **first Wednesday of March, April and May**.
Sold books and money must be turned into the Foundation Office
by 3pm the **Tuesday before the drawing**.



Because of the 3 Early Bird Drawings, Clubs may need to submit multiple club reports. Our System will combine individual reports into a FINAL report for your club. Please feel free to make a copy of this form to send in with each shipment of Tickets and money or you may send in just one Final Report at the conclusion of the Fundraiser.

- Do not detach the Ticket Book cover from the ticket stubs; you may trim the ticket cover to be the same length as the torn ticket stubs or perforation.
- Package ticket stubs in a strong box or envelope and reinforce with tape.
- Return this form (and any others) with your check payable to Lions of Illinois Foundation. Monies must accompany your books to be entered into any of the drawings, this includes the 3 Early Bird Drawings.
- A **Minimum of 10 Books**, need to be sold, for your club to receive a refund. Please indicate a % below.
- The **Club Award Form** is to be filled out for a Club who is donating 100% of the funds, requesting Zero percent back. This indicates that LIF Programs will receive all the ticket monies collected by the Club.
- **Please do not keep your 40% refund**, if your club is to receive a refund, Your Foundation will remit to your club the refund amount within 4 weeks from the last drawing in May.

Club Name: _____ District: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Refunded Sweepstakes funds are to be used for vision and hearing programs and services.

• Total books sold: _____ X \$10.00 / ea. = _____

• Individual Tickets sold: _____ X \$4.00 / ea. = _____

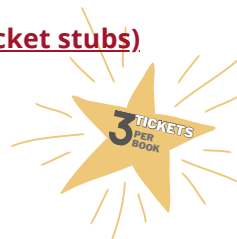
Checks \$ _____ + Cash \$ _____ = Total \$ _____

A Minimum of 10 Books Must be sold to Receive a Refund.

Percentage to be refunded to the Club: _____ % (the maximum refund is 40%)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Submit \$10 for each full book of Sweepstakes sold.
- Complete and sign the Sweepstakes Report Form, indicating the percentage (minimum is 60%) to be retained by our Lions of Illinois Foundation. A "blank" or "invalid" percent translates to 100% donation to our Foundation.
- Return the completed form, the completed ticket stubs, check(s), and unsold Sweepstakes ticket books to our Lions of Illinois Foundation.
- **(Do not separate the ticket book cover from the ticket stubs)**



CONTENTS OF THIS SWEEPSTAKES PACKAGE

1. A letter to the Club explaining our Lions of Illinois Foundation's Sight and Sound Sweepstakes program.
2. Sweepstakes tickets for your Club.
3. The "How to Manual" (should answer most questions).
4. A form detailing the eligibility requirements, prizes, and reporting for the "Individual Seller Prizes".
5. A letter that tells you how many SWEEPS books you received. That letter also needs to be filled out indicating the percent to be retained by our Lions of Illinois Foundation and sent back with SWEEPS.
6. A form to request a Sight and Sound Patch / Chevron award (for Club banner).
7. A form to request Sight and Sound pin or tab award for selling a minimum of ten (10) Sweepstakes books.
8. A Form for Individual Seller prizes, which are only awarded if an individual sells 25 complete books and returns completed form and books in by **May 1st**
9. An envelope to return your SWEEPS tickets, check(s), and completed form(s) to our Lions of Illinois Foundation.

2026

No 12344

This Certificate Purchased by _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

SELLER SHOULD ENDORSE BACK OF STUB. THIS STUB IS FOR THE DRAWING.

SIGHT and SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

\$23,050.00 IN CASH

FUND DRIVE ENDS

May 17, 2026

Sponsor: **No 12344**

Lions Clubs of Illinois

3 TICKET BOOKLET - \$10.00
INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$4.00

Winner Need Not Be Present
Payments are Not deductible as a Charitable Contribution

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
Help The Lions Help People With Vision And Hearing Needs

FIRST PRIZE
\$5,000.00

2nd thru 6th prize:
\$1,000.00 each

7th thru 16th prize:
\$500 each

17th thru 26th prize:
\$250 each

Sellers' prizes:
\$4,800 Total
Club prizes
\$750 Total

INTRODUCTION

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, the second largest fundraiser of our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF), started with the 1981 campaign. Funds generated by the outstanding efforts of the Lions Clubs of Illinois have helped strengthen the programs and services provided through the Foundation. The Sweepstakes campaign starts in January and concludes with the drawing at the annual Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast at the State convention in May. Even though the real winners are those that we assist through our programs and services, there are 26 prize winners, and possibly as many Lion winners who have sold a winning ticket.

Some of the programs and services are: Retinal/Hearing Screening Unit, Camp Lions, Low Vision Clinics, Social Services and Referrals, Used Hearing Aid Bank and Used Eyeglasses/Hearing Aid Collections. Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.) Equally as important is the fact that these funds are to be used in assisting local Clubs with sight and hearing related activities.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING SWEEPSTAKES TICKET BOOKS

DO NOT USE THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

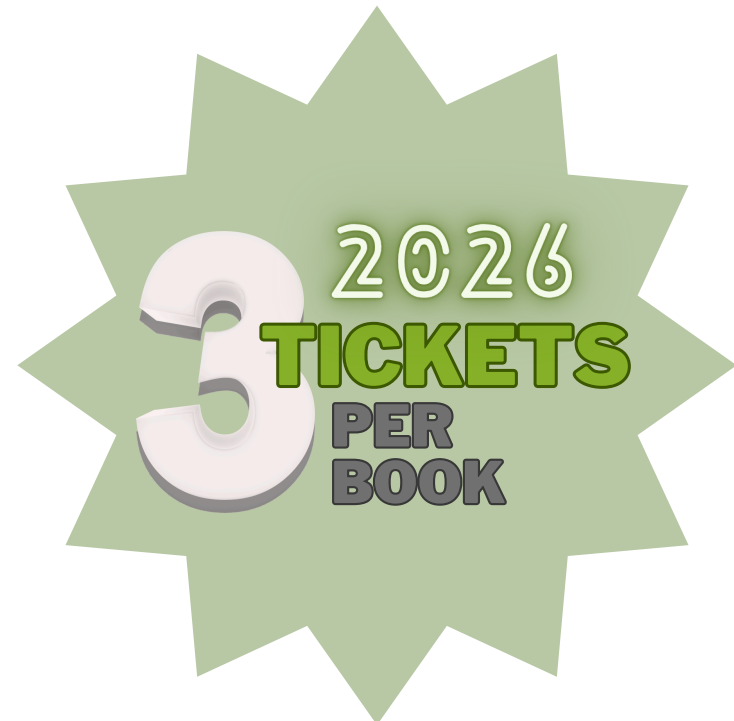
Have all Club members return the SWEEPS books **and** money to you (Club Secretary or Chairperson).

To avoid errors and confusion, return all Sweepstakes tickets **and** money to our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) in one package. Using the envelope provided, UPS your package to our Lions of Illinois Foundation:

700 N Peace Road, Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115

TO DECREASE SHIPPING COSTS:

1. SWEEPS books with **all** tickets sold: cut the front cover to the same length as the ticket stubs. **DO NOT** separate ticket covers from ticket stubs.
2. Partial SWEEPS books: cut the front cover to the same length as the ticket stubs. Leave the unsold tickets in the book.
3. Except for checks made out to our Lions of Illinois Foundation, deposit all money and checks in your club's account and write a single Club check to cover the total amount due. Make the check payable to: **Lions of Illinois Foundation**
4. All SWEEPS books sold or unsold, should be returned to our Lions of Illinois Foundation office by May 11th.
5. Lions members, entering to win one of the Individual Seller prizes, must have their package (see "Individual Seller Prize form," for complete details) to our LIF office no later than **May 11th.**



2024 & 2025 FINAL SALES AND 2026 DISTRICT GOALS

DISTRICT	2026 GOAL	2024 SALES	2025 SALES
1-A	\$7,800.00	\$6,130.00	\$5,110.00
1-BK	\$12,500.00	\$9,968.00	\$9,406.00
1-CN	\$13,000.00	\$12,360.00	\$10,455.00
1-CS	\$3,900.00	\$3,085.00	\$2,780.00
1-D	\$10,000.00	\$6,106.00	\$6,080.00
1-F	\$9,000.00	\$6,400.00	\$7,172.00
1-G	\$5,300.00	\$3,110.00	\$4,142.00
1-H	\$6,500.00	\$4,510.00	\$4,506.00
1-J	\$20,000.00	\$17,670.00	\$16,502.00
1-M	\$7,000.00	\$4,745.00	\$4,775.00
	\$95,000.00	\$74,084.00	\$70,928.00

1. The State Sweepstakes goal for 2026 is \$95,000. With each Lion and Club participating in Sweepstakes, our goal can be reached.
2. Each Lions Club should participate in SWEEPS, with each Club member participating in the project.

VALUE IN PARTICIPATING

Between 19,000 and 20,000 children and adults in Illinois have received these free services or benefited from the services provided through your Foundation. Those with vision and hearing needs hope that all Lions Clubs will consider contributing 100% of their SWEEPS proceeds to support the programs and services of our Foundation.

The following are a few examples of how your club benefits from your Foundation programs: whenever a child from your community attends Camp Lions Free of charge; a screening unit arrives in your town and offers free screenings; a child is screened in your community through our Low Vision Program; someone from your community finds medical help at reduced rates through your Foundation. A Club is also allowed to spend up to 40% of their proceeds on Club related sight and hearing projects.

For more information or if you have any questions on Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, please contact one of your District Trustees or District Fundraising Coordinator (phone numbers are listed on page 12), or contact:

Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 756-5633



ARE RAFFLES LEGAL?

Yes, raffles are legal for groups, such as the Lions, under Illinois Public Act 81-1365. The law authorizes counties and municipalities to license certain organizations to operate raffles.

WHO MAY SELL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS?

Ticket sellers **must** be at least 18 years old and under the wording of the law must be a “bonafide” member of the sponsoring organization.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE



\$1,500.00 in additional prize money for our Early Bird Drawing. **This is a cumulative drawing. All money must accompany tickets in order to be entered into the drawing.**

LIF will do a monthly drawing for the months of March, April, and May. If your ticket does not get pulled in March, it will then get placed into the April drawing. If your ticket does not get pulled in April, it will go into May's drawing. These tickets will then go into the main Sweepstakes drawing on May 17th. Early Bird prize money will be split 50/50. \$250.00 will go to the Club and \$250.00 will go to the seller listed on the back of the winning ticket. **The drawings will take place the first Wednesday of March, April and May.**

We highly encourage all clubs to participate in the Early Bird Drawing. Do not miss this opportunity to earn more money for your Club and participating members. GOOD LUCK!

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE LIST

Each year, twenty-six (26) cash prizes totaling \$19,250 are awarded from the Sweepstakes campaign. The \$5,000 grand prize is followed with an additional five (5) \$1,000 prizes, ten (10) \$500 prizes, and ten (10) \$250 prizes. Sellers of winning tickets, who have completed the back of the winning ticket, will receive \$500 for the Grand Prize, \$100 for a \$1,000 ticket, \$50 for a \$500 ticket, and \$25 for a \$250 ticket. **If a seller does not complete the seller's information on a winning ticket, their share will be forfeited to your LIF.**

If requested, Clubs donating 100% of their funds to our Foundation will receive a 100% patch for their Club Banner. Clubs that already have a patch will receive a yearly Chevron to go under the patch.

The individual Lion that sells ten (10) or more Sweepstakes books can receive a Sight & Sound Sweepstakes pin. The Seller that already has a pin can receive a small tab to attach to their pin. The pin or tab must be requested.

Individual Seller Cash Prizes

Fourteen (14) individual prizes will be awarded to Lions meeting the qualifications listed below. The rules governing eligibility for the “Individual Seller Prizes” are displayed along with the breakdown of the prizes. **There are no exceptions to the eligibility requirements.**

Eligibility for Individual Seller Prizes:

1. Only Individual Lions are eligible to participate, clubs or groups are not eligible.
2. A minimum of twenty-five (25) complete books of three Sweepstakes tickets must be sold by the individual and listed on the bottom of the seller form to qualify for an award.
3. All completed Sweepstakes ticket stubs, related money and the complete “Individual Seller Form” must be returned together to the Foundation Office no later than May 1st.

Prizes are:

- Four (4) **State Top Sweepstakes Seller Prizes of: \$500, \$350, \$250, and \$200.**
- There will also be one (1) **Top District Seller Prize of \$100** for each district in MD-1.
- If a tie results among any of the Top State Seller Prizes, those individuals involved will split the associated prizes.
- The winner in each district will be the top seller of sweepstakes tickets not receiving a state top seller prize.