



A Program of Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Quest

Because young people around the world need skills for life

"When Lions Quest programs are fully implemented, they address 30 of the 40 assets that are necessary for positive youth development."

—Peter Benson, Ph.D.,
President Search Institute

What is Lions Quest?

Lions Quest is a life skills and prevention program of Lions Clubs International Foundation, implemented in more than 50 countries around the world. Lions Quest programs teach young people skills necessary for everyday success.

These skills include:

- Learning to accept responsibility
- Communicating effectively
- Setting goals
- Making healthy decisions
- Resisting pressure to use alcohol and drugs

Lions Quest programs:

- Provide high-quality, research-based classroom resources for teachers and age-appropriate learning material for students
- Present opportunities for students to learn and practice skills that build and enhance positive relationships
- Involve the family and community in supporting the healthy development of young people



Programs

Skills for Growing

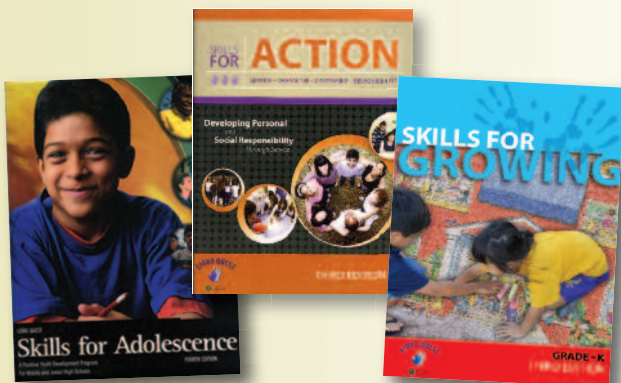
Through a series of thematic teaching units, **Skills for Growing** will help create a classroom environment that nurtures and enhances learning. This primary school program contains thematic units designed to teach young learners how to make positive decisions and maintain positive self-esteem.

Skills for Adolescence

The most widely used of the three Lions Quest programs worldwide, **Skills for Adolescence** helps middle school youth, parents and teachers cope with the physical, emotional and social challenges of the early adolescent years. The program builds important competencies by promoting positive social attitudes, respect and responsibility, while serving as a strong prevention tool – guiding young people toward healthy choices and a drug and violence-free lifestyle.

Skills for Action

A unique secondary school (high school) curriculum, **Skills for Action** combines the development of personal, social and thinking skills with service-learning to help young people improve self-confidence and build resilience, maintain connectedness to school, engage in real-life issues and learn 21st century workplace skills. The flexible design of the program provides a valuable curriculum in a broad range of settings.



Funding

LCIF Core 4 Grants are available to Lions clubs to support implementation efforts. Core 4 Grants may be used to translate and adapt curriculum materials, conduct teacher training workshops and promote the expansion of the program. LCIF also offers the Lions Quest Promotional Grant, an award of up to US\$1000 to promote the program in a new area.



Lions Quest Around the World

Worldwide Impact

Educators from more than 50 countries have been trained to implement Lions Quest, making it one of the most widely-used life skills programs in the world. To date:

- More than 420,000 educators have been certified worldwide
- Materials have been translated into 30 languages
- Nearly 12 million young people have benefited from Lions Quest programs

International Implementation

To begin implementation in a new country, all stakeholders (Lions, educators, government officials, etc.) should review Lions Quest materials. Often, language and cultural adaptations are necessary before the pilot phase can proceed. If the curriculum is appropriate for the local school system, teachers and schools should be selected for initial piloting of the program. A steering committee of all relevant stakeholders should be formed, and funding should be secured for the first teacher training workshop.

LCIF is available to help Lions Clubs and other stakeholders begin pilot projects and expand existing programs. The Lions Quest Department can help establish an initial implementation plan and arrange logistics for the training workshop. In some cases LCIF can also provide you with information about how Lions Quest correlates with national curriculum frameworks and standards.

Teacher Training and Professional Development

In order to ensure the quality of the program, all educators must complete a Lions Quest training workshop before they can teach the curricula. Only Lions Quest certified teachers can obtain program materials. In some countries, certified teachers are eligible for professional development credit or other recognition. An individual school, a Lions club or district, or a government entity can sponsor a Lions Quest workshop.





Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

—Margaret Mead, anthropologist

Take a look around your class. It may include some people you have known for years and others you have never met. What interests and concerns do all of you have in common? What could you learn from one another? What actions could you take together to make the world a better place? How could you develop a classroom learning community where each member is respected for being a resource?

Keys to Success

Connecting the Community

Lions Quest brings the school, family and community together to promote the development of healthy and responsible young people by supporting social and emotional learning (SEL), character development, negative behavior prevention and a commitment to community service.

Strengthening Social and Emotional Learning

The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) has given Lions Quest programs a “Select SEL” rating. One of the few comprehensive K-12 curriculum options, honored with CASEL’s highest rating, Lions Quest provides an evidence-based SEL curriculum that will help create a caring learning environment, offer engaging instructional practices, support for academic success and strengthen community and parental involvement.

Emphasizing Service

Lions Quest programs emphasize service. Lions Clubs can become involved with a Lions Quest classroom by helping kids implement service-learning projects, giving students opportunities for meaningful participation, contribution and recognition. Lions clubs can also serve as partners to schools implementing Lions Quest programs by providing financial support for training workshops and student materials, and by assisting schools in creating a positive learning environment.



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