



General Responsibilities of a Florida District Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant Governors are elected in their respective divisions in the spring of each year during Spring Zone Rallies. In the Florida District, there are 41 divisions and therefore 41 Lt. Governors. These leaders, along with the three executive officers (Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer) comprise the 43 elected members of the Florida District board. The board also may consist of appointed members.

As members of this board, Lt. Governors lead the Florida District of Key Club, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, which consists of 22,000 members and 400 clubs in Florida and the Cayman Islands. They oversee a three-quarter million dollar budget, plan and carry out an annual District Education and Leadership Conference for 2,000 participants, serve on committees that produce materials and services for clubs, and meet three times a year as a board to be trained and to vote on matters that govern the Florida District. Key Club picks up the cost of these meetings and provides transportation by the adult administrators.

The position requires time and commitment as a major extracurricular activity. On the divisional level, Lt. Governors engage in a number of activities. Lt. Governors serve the clubs in their division, helping them become the best Key Club they can possibly be. It is the Lt. Governor's responsibility to represent to his or her clubs to the district organization, thereby promoting Key Club as a truly international organization of 270,000 students in three dozen countries. Lt. Governors may promote division-wide service projects, visit Key Clubs, install new officers, induct new members, speak at Kiwanis meetings and divisional council meetings, conduct Key Club divisional council meetings for their divisions, communicate with their clubs through various media, help start new Key Clubs, assist in strengthening weaker clubs, and provide counsel to club officers and to adult advisors. There are few opportunities a high school student will have that provide the experiences of being a Lt. Governor. It is hard work, but its benefits last a lifetime.

The Service Agreement for a Lt. Governor spells out the specific responsibilities of the position. This can be viewed at <http://floridakeyclub.org/running-for-higher-office>. There are three training sessions that prepare the Lt. Governor for these responsibilities as well as ongoing mentoring and coaching by the adult Zone Administrator and by the District Governor. Every Key Club member who wants to reach his or her maximum potential in this organization should consider running for the position.