



2012 District 2-S3



**DIABETES AWARENESS ESSAY
Contest Rules**

“Education, Prevention, Detection and Treatment – Type 2 Diabetes”

1. Essay Subject

a. *Education, Prevention, Detection and Treatment – Type 2 Diabetes.* With diabetes becoming ever more prevalent in our society, describe the way we educate, attempt to prevent diabetes, how we detect diabetes and treatments that can minimize the severity of the disease. Explore how improvements to education, prevention, detection and treatment can be made and tell how you and your peers can make an impact on the process.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The Title of the Contestant’s essay is not required to be the same as the Subject for the essay. Contestants should be creative in the selection of an essay title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The essays should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution of solutions to the problem.
- c. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- d. Creative, innovative, practical and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
- e. Each Contestant shall personally research, write and read his/her contest essay.
- f. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the internet and library.
- g. The essay shall be a written article, to be read by the Contestant, to be judged by a panel of judges in competition with other Contestants.
- h. The essay shall not exceed 1500 words.
 1. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives, and pronouns. Example: “I,” “a,” “the,” “and,” and “an.”
 2. The essay must include a bibliography of sources used in its composition. Note: The bibliography is not included in the 1500 word count.
- i. The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays.
 1. Sixty percent (60%) of the score shall be based on the authenticity, current information and an application of the assigned essay topic.
 2. Fifteen percent (15%) of the score shall be based on grammar, spelling, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay topic.
 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the score shall be based on the understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques, in the use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed and clarity.

- j. Notes, cue cards, and video equipment may not be used.
- k. Two or more of the judges should be knowledgeable about the medical aspects of diabetes.
- l. One or more judges should be an educator knowledgeable about the English language, its grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation and correct usage.
- m. All contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- n. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- o. Immediately prior to the commencement of the contest, Contestants will draw from the order of appearance before the judging panel.
- p. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- q. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
- r. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time.
 - 1. Failure to comply with this rule could result in the disqualification of a contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- s. Contestants will not give any self-introduction, but shall state the title of their essay and then deliver the essay.
- t. Following the contestant's essay he/she will take a seat in the area assigned for the Contestants and remain in the contest area until the final speech is presented, judges have completed scoring the contest and introductions have been completed.
 - 1. The Contest Official may allow an exception of this requirement for medical reasons/emergencies, restroom breaks or for other reasons deemed acceptable by the Contest Official.
 - 2. Request may be made between Contestant presentations only.
- u. No one will be allowed to either enter the contest during an essay, or leave once they have entered until all of the Contestants have presented their essay and the judges have finished scoring the Contestant.,
- v. When all essays have been presented, Contestants, in the order of their presentations, will stand and state their names, hometown, ages, schools grade levels, and the Lions Club Sponsor.
- w. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all Contestants.
- x. Persons involved in conducting the contest: parents, chaperones, and guests of the Contestants, may then be introduced at the discretion of the Contest Official, as time allows.
- y. The winners will be announced during the noon Luncheon.
- z. The 1st place winner will present his/her essay at that time.
- aa. Lunch will be provided for the Contestant and parents or a chaperone.

3. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship
- b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$250.00 scholarship

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- c. A Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signature) and associated documents postmarked by **December 16, 2011**.
- d. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- e. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program.
- f. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 (State) contest.

5. Responsibilities of Contestants

- g. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Opportunities Chairperson. Postmarked by December 16, 2011.
 - 1. **Two wallet-sized color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up)
 - 2. **Personal Biographical Information**
 - 3. **Signed Copy of Code of Conduct**
 - 4. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party.
- h. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are mailed (postmarked) to Lion Larry Nicholson by December 16, 2011.
- i. Attend the Mid-Winter Conference January 28, 2012.
- j. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 9:00 AM January 28, 2012
- k. Contestants may visit the presentation area and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
- l. All contestants must agree to be available, upon request to participate in Lions events and activities during the year following the contest.

6. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities

- m. All Contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference.
- n. The Mid-Winter Conference will be responsible for providing a Luncheon to the Contestant and 2 parents.
- o. The sponsoring Club shall be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.

7. Contest Chairperson Information

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**Mid-Winter Conference Competition will be held in McQueeney, TX
January 28, 2012**