



District 2-S3



**“Drug Awareness Speech”
Contest Rules**

“Criminalization or Rehabilitation”

1. Speech Subject

- a. *Criminalization or Rehabilitation* - The speech should explore the way we as a society deal with drug users and addicts. Is it more effective to criminalize the actions of individuals or is it more effective to attempt rehabilitation? Make a cause for, and support, your conclusion.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The Title of the Contestant’s speech is not required to be the same as the subject for the speech. Contestants should be creative in the selection of the speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. 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.
- d. The topic is broad and allows the Contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- e. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known)
- f. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
- g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
 - i. A monitor will signal Contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6½) minutes.
 - ii. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants’ score.
 - iii. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7½) minutes will be disqualified.
 - iv. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the contest monitor will adjust the time accordingly.
- h. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at this contest.
- i. All contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- j. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- k. Immediately prior to the commencement of the contest, Contestants will draw for the order of appearance before the judging panel.
- l. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- m. 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.

- n. The audience will be asked to turn OFF any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time.
 - i. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- o. Contestants shall give cell phones and all electronic devices to their chaperone.
- p. Contestants will not give any self-introduction, but shall state the title of their speech and then deliver the speech.
- q. Following the Contestant's speech he/she will take a seat in the area assigned for the Contestant and remain in the contest area until the final speech is presented, judges have completed scoring the contest and introductions have been completed.
 - i. The Contest Official may allow an exemption to this requirement for medical reasons/emergencies, restroom breaks or for other reasons deemed acceptable by the contest Official.
 - ii. Request may be made between Contestant presentations only.
- r. No one will be allowed to either enter the contest area during an essay, or leave once they have entered until all the contestants have presented their speeches and the Judges have finished scoring the contestant.
- s. When all speeches have been presented, Contestants, in the order of their presentation, will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels and the Lion Club sponsors.
- t. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all Contestants.
- u. Persons involved in conducting the contest; parents, chaperones, and guests of the Contestant, may then be introduced at the discretion of the Contest Official, as time allows.
- v. The winners will be announced during the Youth Luncheon at noon.
- w. The 1st place winner will present his/her speech at that time.

1. Awards

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

2. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. 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**.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program.
- d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the tie of the contest.
- e.

3. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Opportunities Chairperson, Postmarked by December 16, 2011.
 - i. **State Contest Application**
 - ii. **Two wallet-sized color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up)
 - iii. **Personal Biographical Information**
 - iv. **Signed Copy of Code of Conduct**
 - v. **A Printed Copy of the Speech**

- vi. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Parent/Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party.
 - b. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are mailed to Lion Larry Nicholson by December 16, 2011.
 - c. Attend the Mid-Winter Conference January 28, 2012.
 - d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 9:00 AM January 28, 2012
 - e. Contestants may visit the presentation area and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
 - f. All contestants must agree to be available, upon request to participate in Lions events and activities during the year following the contest.
- 4. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities**
- a. All Contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference.
 - b. The Mid-Winter Conference will be responsible for providing a Luncheon to the Contestant and 2 parents.
 - c. The sponsoring Club shall be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.
- 5. Contest Chairperson Information**

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