



2012 District 2-S3



‘OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD Contest Rules

1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays:
 - i. Twenty percent (20%) - grade point average
 - ii. Five percent (5%) – Curriculum Vitae & 750 word Essay – “Volunteerism and Its Importance”
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) (total) – Three letters of Recommendation
 - iv. Thirty percent (30%) – Community Service / Leadership
 - v. Thirty percent (30%) – Personal Interview
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- e. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- f. Immediately prior to the commencement of the contest, Contestants will draw for the order of appearance before the judging panel.
- g. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- h. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the interview and reminded before each contestant interview of the same requirement.
- i. 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 the disqualification of a contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- j. No contestant may have a cell phone or electronic device in their possession.
- k. Contestants will not give any self-introduction, but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.
- l. Following the contestant’s interview he/she will take a seat in the area assigned for the Contestants and remain in the contest area until the final interview, judges have completed scoring the contest and introductions have been completed.
 - i. The Contest Official may allow an exemption of 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.
- m. No one will be allowed to either enter the contest area during an interview, or leave once they have entered, until all of the contestants have completed their interviews and the Judges have finished scoring the Contestant.
- n. When all interviews have been completed, Contestant, in the order of their presentation, will stand and state their names, hometown, ages, schools, grade levels, and the Lion Club sponsors.
- o. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all Contestants.
- p. Persons involved in conducting the contest, parent, chaperones, and guests of the Contestants, may then be introduced at the discretion of the Contest Official, as time allows.

- q. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced during the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Luncheon at noon.
 - r. The 1st place winner will respond to a question answered during the interview and give a brief acceptance speech.
- 2. Awards**
- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship
 - b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$250.00 scholarship
- 3. 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 time of the MD-2 (State) contest.
- 4. Responsibilities of Contestants**
- a. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Opportunities Chairperson. Postmarked by December 16, 2011.
 - i. **Two wallet-sized color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up)
 - ii. **Personal Biographical Information**
 - iii. **Signed Copy of Code of Conduct**
 - iv. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her 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 16, 2012.
 - d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 9:00 AM January 16, 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.
- 5. 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.
 - d. The sponsoring club will be responsible for the contest winners' transportation to the MD-2 contest and the \$200.00 MD-2 fee.
- 6. Contest Chairperson Information**

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