



Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

Contestant Rules for District 2-S3

Each Contestant must be a full time student in a Texas high school or comparable education program, must be a junior or senior class member at the time of the contest and be sponsored by a Lion/Leo Club in District 2-S3.

Each Lion/Leo Club may sponsor only one contestant to the Mid-Winter Contest for this Outstanding Youth Contest.

If a run off from your school is needed your club judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.

Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at the Mid-Winter Conference held in Lago Vista, Saturday, January 17, 2009. Time will be determined by number of contestants.

Competition evaluation shall include high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service and leadership participation and a personal interview (attire should be suitable for a professional job interview).

The maximum points to be used for judging contestants shall be:

- a) Grade point average = twenty points
- b) Personal biography information statement = five points
- c) Three letters of recommendation (total) = fifteen points
- d) Community service/leadership = thirty points
- e) Personal interview – thirty points

The judge's total scores are to be combined to reach a grand total score.

The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to either enter or depart during a contestant's interview and only after judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants are asked to attend an orientation held prior to the contest January 17th. Time will be announced later. Contestants will visit the presentation area, and ask questions about contest facilities and procedures.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area in a designated waiting area until invited to enter by the contest official.

Before the contestants enter the contest room, the audience will be instructed not to talk during the interviews, turn off cell phones and not to applaud after each interview.

Upon entering the contest room, contestants shall state only their names and the interview shall proceed.

Following the contest, contestants will take their seat in the assigned area and remain to hear the following interviews.

When all interviews have been conducted, contestants in the order of their presentations will stand and state their names, hometown, ages, schools, grade level and name of club sponsoring them.

If time allows, persons involved in the conduct of the contest, as well as parents, chaperones and guests of each contestant may be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Mid-Winter Luncheon at noon. The winner will be asked to respond to one question answered during the interview.

The first and second place winners will receive a medallion and be instructed where and how to apply for a \$500.00 and \$200.00 Savings Bonds respectively. All contestants will receive a Certificate.

There is no entry fee.

Contestants will not advance to the MD competition in Lubbock, Texas due to the cost to each club for lodging, transportation and meals. These funds will be best expended to financially support each contestant's education in the form of scholarships.

Each contestant shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference. The Mid-Winter Conference will provide lunch for all contestants.

Deadline for entries: November 21, 2008

Direct all questions and send applications with required information to:

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