



**Texas Lions MD2 – Opportunities for Youth
“DIABETIC AWARENESS ESSAY”
State Contestant Rules**

**“Type I DIABETES –
Prospects for a Cure.”**

Your essay should analyze the latest research and treatments available. Present your best case.

Please read carefully the following information on recommendations for preparing your essay. Pay particular attention to the criteria on how your essay will be judged!

Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, doctors, nurses, other medical professionals, diabetes research organizations, individuals who have diabetes, the internet, and by using the library. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title and date published (year if known).

The Diabetic Essay shall be a written article to be read by the contestant at the MD-2 State Convention in competition with other contestants.

The essay shall not exceed 1500 words. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives, and pronouns. For example: "a," "I," "the," "and," and "an".

Each contestant must personally research, write, and read your contest essay. You will present it before spectators and a panel of judges. The essay must include a bibliography of sources used in its composition. Note: the bibliography is not included in the 1500 word essay.

The following are the criteria used for judging essays:

1. Sixty percent of the score will be based on the authenticity, current information, and an application of the assigned essay topic.
2. Fifteen percent: grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, corrects word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay.
3. Twenty-five percent: understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques, in use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed, and clarity.

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 or just graduated at the time of the MD-2 convention and be sponsored by a Lion/Lioness/Leo Club in MD-2.

The first place winner of each District contest is eligible to be entered in the State contest.

Two or more of the judges should be knowledgeable about the medical aspects of diabetes; one or more should be an educator knowledgeable about English grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation and its correct usage.

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 during an essay, or leave until judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants are asked to attend an orientation held the night prior to the contest at a time set forth by the State Chair. They will visit the presentation area, test microphone, and ask any questions about the contest that they may still have.

On the contest date, contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by a contest representative.

Contestants will not give any self-introduction but give the title of their essay and then proceed with the reading. The audience should be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the essay.

Following their essay presentation, contestants will take their seats in the assigned area and remain until all essays are completed.

No one is allowed to enter or exit the contest room during a reading.

When all essays have been presented, contestants in the order of their presentations, will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels, and the District and Lions Club sponsors. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all contestants. Persons involved in the conduct of the contest, parents, chaperones, and guests of the contestants, may then be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions Youth Luncheon at noon. The 1st place winner will present his/her essay at that time. The 1st place winner will receive a \$3,000.00 scholarship and the 2nd place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.

To collect your scholarship winnings, you must send a receipt from the college, junior college or vocational school of proof of registration or a request for payment from the registrar. Send request of payment to: Lions MD-2 State Executive Secretary – Lion Pat Nations at: P.O. Box 294509 in Kerrville, Texas 78209-4509. You may reach her by phone at: (830) 257-6557 if you have any other questions. The scholarship money will then be sent directly to the school. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

All contestants must agreed to be available, on request to participate in Texas Lions MD-2 events And activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following year contest.

The entry fee of \$200.00 (which is paid by the District who is sponsoring the contestant) must be Submitted with the State Contest ***Application, Two Photographs*** (close-up, head & shoulders, billfold size), ***Biographical Information, and Three Copies of the Essay.***

The sponsoring District must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures and are sent to the State Coordinator no later than the **May 15, 2009** deadline.

All contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring District to the Convention. The Texas Lions MD-2 State Convention will be responsible for providing 3 meals and one night lodging at the convention for the contestant. The sponsoring District shall be responsible for all expenses not paid by the MD-2 convention for their contestant and chaperones.

Direct all questions and send applications with required information to:

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Note:

Texas Lions MD- 2 State Competitions will be held in Lubbock, Texas
June 5-6, 2009
Holiday Inn, Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79401.