



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth
"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"
Contestant Rules**

The presentation should analyze the problem and present a solution. 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 library. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable lead way in proposing the plan. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title and date published (year if known). Innovative, practical and reasonable ideas are welcomed.

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 a graduate 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.

The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District or State contests. Contestants will be required to use either the stationary or hand held mike for presentation. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants' score. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the monitor will adjust the time accordingly.

The 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 required to attend an orientation held at a designated time set forth by the State Chair. They will visit the presentation area, test microphone, and ask questions about contest facilities and procedures. Orientation is for contestants only.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Coordinator.

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

Contestants will then take their seat in the assigned area and remain to hear following speeches.

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 their 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, will then be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2 Youth Luncheon at noon. The winner will present his/her speech at that time. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$500.00 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 agree to be available, on request to participate in Lions MD-2 events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following years 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*** (head and shoulders close-up), and ***Biographical Information***. The sponsoring District must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures and then send to the State Coordinator no later than **May 1, 2008** deadline.

All contestants should 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 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 application with required information to:

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Note: Texas Lions MD-2 State Competitions will be held in Amarillo, Texas on May 16 - 17, 2008, at the Ambassador Hotel.