



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

"Drug Abuse - Paradise Lost"

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 internet and 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). Creative, 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.

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

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

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.

Following the contestant's speech he/she will take a seat in the assigned area and remain until the final speech is presented.

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, may then be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2 Youth Luncheon at noon. The 1st place winner will present his/her speech 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 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 wallet-sized color Photographs*** (head and shoulders close-up), and ***personal Biographical Information***. 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 before the contest 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 Lubbock, Texas

June 5-6, 2009, at the

Holiday Inn, Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock Texas 79401