



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth
"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%) - Personal Biographical Information Statement
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) (total) - Three letter 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 disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- j. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.
- k. 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.
- l. No one will be allowed to either enter the contest area during an interview essay, or leave once they have entered, until all of the Contestants have completed their interviews and the Judges have finished scoring the Contestant.

- m. When all interviews have been completed, 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.
 - n. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all Contestants.
 - o. Persons involved in conducting of the contest, parents, chaperones, and guests of the Contestants, may then be introduced at the discretion of the Contest Official, as time allows.
 - p. The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2 Youth Luncheon at noon.
 - q. The 1st place winner will present his/her acceptance speech at that time.
2. Awards
- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$3,000.00 scholarship.
 - b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.
 - c. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant must send a request for payment from the registrar of a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
 - ii. Send request for payment to:

**Lions MD-2 State Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 294509
Kerrville, Texas 78029-4509.
(830) 257-6557**

- 3. If a request for payment from an institute of higher education is received from the school, the scholarship money will be made payable directly to the school.
- 4. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.
- 5. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants
 - a. A District may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents, and the entry fee to the MD-2 Contest Chairperson prior to the entry deadline..
 - b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant, with the entry fee being forfeited.
 - c. There shall be no refund of any entry fee,
 - d. Each contestant shall have placed first in the District contest during the current Lions' year.
 - i. When a first placed district contestant is unable to participate in the MD-2 contest, the first alternate contestant from that District, when approved by the MD-2 Contest Chairman, may enter the contest using the original entrant's sponsoring fee.
 - e. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas,

- f. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 contest.
 - g. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the MD-2 contest.
6. Responsibilities of Contestants
- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Contest Coordinator, contact information in paragraph 8.
 - i. **An entry fee of \$200.00** (which is paid by the District who is sponsoring the contestant)
 - ii. **State Contest Application,**
 - iii. **Two wallet-sized color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up),
 - iv. **Personal Biographical Information.**
 - v. **Three Letter of Recommendation**
 - vi. **Official High School Transcript**
 - vii. **Signed Copy of Code of Conduct.**
 - viii. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the State Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.
 - b. The sponsoring District must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are sent to the State Coordinator, post-marked no later than the April 23, 2010 deadline.
 - c. Attend the MD-2 State Convention in El Paso, Texas on May 14-15, 2010.
 - d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation held the evening before the contest at a time set forth by the State Chair.
 - i. Exemption of this requirement may be granted prior to the meeting by the state Contest Coordinator or the State Contest Chair.
 - ii. Contestants will visit the presentation area, test the microphone, and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
 - e. All contestants must agree to be available, upon 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.
7. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities
- a. All contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring District to the convention.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The sponsoring District shall be responsible for all expenses not paid by the MD-2 convention for their contestant and chaperones.
 - d. Comply with requirements as set forth in the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth contest Chaperone Guidelines.

8. Contest Coordinator Contact Information

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Lubbock, Texas 79424
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**Texas Lions MD-2 State Competitions
will be held in
El Paso, Texas
May 14-15, 2010**

**Wyndham Hotel
2027 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 778-4241**



Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contests Chaperone Guidelines

As chaperon, your specific duties may vary, but here are some guidelines in supervising your students. As chaperon, you are legally responsible for the students. You will be contacted if your student does not adhere to the rules as outlined in the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth contestant Code of Conduct.

- Be sure they arrive in El Paso, Friday May 14, 2010 unless a waiver has been previously granted by the MD-2 contest Chairperson or Coordinator.
- Be sure your name, cell phone number, hotel and room number (if known) are given to the State Opportunities for Youth Contest Chair upon registration at the Hotel. This information also should be written on the back of the student's name badge. Students are required to wear their badge at all times when outside their hotel room.
- Likewise, be sure your students know your hotel phone number and room number, and at least a partial itinerary of your schedule, so that you can be found easily in an emergency
- Give them your cell phone number and get their cell phone number as well.
- Set up a schedule with your students to check with them periodically, such as meeting them at a designated spot for a few minutes during the day to make sure everything is going okay. At night, go to their hotel room at midnight to check on them. No student is to leave their room after midnight. If not possible to go in person, phone them at this time.
- Remind your students to keep their hotel room doors locked at all times. Boys are not allowed to visit girls' rooms; girls are not allowed to visit boys' rooms. If it is necessary to make an exception, you must be present. Do not let more students stay in a room than are registered for that room.
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (drugs or illegal materials) are allowed.
- Any alleged criminal offenses will be referred to the police.
- Remind your students that they represent their sponsoring Lions club and District, their school, teachers and family and that they are expected to act and dress accordingly as ladies and gentlemen. It is imperative that they be on time for every scheduled event.

Violation of any of the above guidelines could lead to the student's violations of the Contestant's code of Conduct and dismissal from the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contest. In this case, parents will be contacted and must make immediate arrangements for their student's immediate transportation home. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, contact the State Contest Chair - Lion Jake Bentley, (806) 632-0742.

Chaperone Signature: _____

Date: _____

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS CHAPERON.
THIS DUTY IS BECOMING
MORE IMPORTANT EVERY YEAR.**



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contests
Contestant Code of Conduct**

1. It is understood by Contestants and their parents that any infraction of the rules of conduct below or involvement in any illegal activity constitutes grounds for the Contestant's dismissal from the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contest(s). The parents will be contacted and **must make immediate arrangements for the student's transportation home.**
2. Contestants must wear their name badges at all times when outside their hotel rooms. (The badge must have the Contestant's designated Chaperone's name and room number on the back).
3. Contestants must remain reasonably quiet at all times in the hotel. TVs, radios and CD players must be played with volume at reasonable levels.
4. There shall be no defacing of hotel or convention property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or convention buildings must be paid for by the individuals responsible.
5. Hotel room doors should be locked at all times.
6. Boys are not allowed to visit girls' rooms; girls are not allowed to visit boys' rooms. If it is necessary to make an exception, a **Chaperone must be present.**
7. Curfew for **all** Contestants is midnight. The curfew means that Contestants must be in their rooms and not leave them after this time.
8. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (drugs or illegal materials) will not be tolerated.
9. Every Contestant is required to be on time for all scheduled events.

I agree to support and abide by the above rules of conduct. I further agree that access to Contestant's room and baggage will be given upon request to a designated Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contest Official or public safety officer. I also give permission to the Texas Lions MD-2 to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade and any other lawful purposes.

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____

Sponsoring Lion Club: _____

Chaperone's Name: _____

Chaperone's Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Home Phone Number: (_____) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____