



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth
"OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD"
Contestant Rules**

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 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.

Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.

Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at a time appointed by the MD-2 Convention Committee.

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 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 questions about contest facilities and procedures.

Contestants shall remain outside the contest room in a designated waiting area until invited to enter by the Contest Coordinator.

Before the contestants enter the contest room, the audience will be instructed not talk during the interviews, turn off cell all 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 following interviews.

When all interviews have been conducted, contestants in the order of their presentations 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, as well as parents, chaperones and guest of the contestants may be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions Youth Luncheon at noon. The winner will present his/her essay at that time. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$500.00 scholarship. (Please note that we are doing what we can to increase this amount. Will make changes on this site if/when this occurs- Sept. 2008). 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 immediately after the contest until the end of the following year's 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 & shoulders close-up), Personal ***Biographical Information, Official School Transcript, and three Letters of Recommendations***. The sponsoring District must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures. The fully completed application and all required information shall be 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:

"OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH"
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**State Competitions will be held on
June 5-6, 2009 @ the Holiday Inn,
Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q,
Lubbock, TX 79401**