

**2011-2012 DISTRICT 2-E1
DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH CONTEST RULES**

TOPIC “Criminalization or Rehabilitation”

The speech should explore the way society deals with drug users and addicts. Is it more effective to criminalize the actions of individuals or is it more effective to attempt rehabilitation? Make a case for, and support, your conclusion.

1. The title of the contestant’s speech is not required to be the same as the subject for the speech. Contestants can be creative in the selection of the speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present possible solutions to the problem. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation officials, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators and medical professionals, and by using the internet and the library. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection/presentation of their solutions. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author, and date published. Creative, innovative, practical and reasonable ideas are welcome.

2. Notes, cue cards, and video equipment **are not allowed at the District or the State Contests.** Contestants should be reminded of this requirement well in advance.

3. The speech must be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length. Contestants will be signaled by a monitor at five (5) minutes and six and one-half (6 1/2) minutes. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and a penalty will be assessed.

4. A speech of less than five (5) minutes or more than seven and one-half (7 ½) minutes will disqualify the contestant.

5. The contest will be conducted in English.

6. The contestants will draw for order of appearance.

7. Contestants will remain outside the contest area until they are called to give their speech.

8. No one will be allowed to enter or exit the contest area until the contest is completed. If medical or other emergencies arise during the contest, a person may exit but will not be permitted to return. If possible, the person exiting will be asked to remain until the contestant giving his/her presentation is finished.

9. Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off during the contest.

10. Following his/her presentation, the contestant should be seated in the contest area.

11. Contestants should not give any self introduction, but will state the title of their speech and then deliver the speech.

12. After the judges have been dismissed from the contest area to make their decision, the contestants in the order of their presentation will stand, state their name, hometown, grade level, school, and their sponsoring Lions Club.

13. At the end of the introductions, the audience is encouraged to applaud and show support for the contestants. Group and individual pictures can be taken at the end of the contest. The audience will be asked to refrain from taking pictures until the contest is completed.

14. Parents of the contestants may be introduced at the discretion of the contest official.

15. The winner and runner-up will be announced at the luncheon or other appropriate time. The contest judges may be introduced at this same time at the discretion of the contest official.

16. The winner of the District Contest will be asked to provide a written copy of his/her speech at the State Contest.

17. A Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to the winner, a \$500 scholarship to the runner-up. Scholarships are awarded subject to the District Scholarship Rules. *The contest winner must be able to compete at the State Contest in Houston on May 18-19, 2012*, at the Sheraton North Houston, 281-442-5100, 15700 JFK Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032. The State winner and runner-up scholarship amounts are posted on the district website <http://lions2e1.org>.

18. Information requirements for the contest are outlined in the *General Requirements for District 2-E1 Youth Contests*. These requirements are posted on the District Website (<http://lions2e1.org>) and information on the requirements can be obtained from the District Contest Coordinator. **The District Contest will be held Saturday, January 28, 2012, Abilene, Texas in Abilene, Texas, at St. Paul United Methodist Church fellowship hall, at 5th and Orange Streets. Youth contestants should be present when registration begins.**

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Application Deadline: January 18, 2012. Includes all documents and two (2) wallet-sized color photographs (head and shoulder close-up). All documents and photos must be mailed to the District Youth Contest Coordinator.