

DISTRICT 2-E1 YOUTH CONTESTS 2011-2012

1. The **District Youth Contests for The Drug Awareness Speech Contest, The Diabetic Essay Contest, and The Outstanding Youth Contest** will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in **Abilene, Texas**, on **January 28, 2012**, at St. Paul United Methodist Church fellowship hall, on North 5th and Orange Streets. Youth contestants should be present when registration begins. **Application Deadline: January 18, 2012.**
2. The MD-2 State Contest Rules are normally published in early fall in September or October. The State Rules and the District Contest Rules will be distributed soon after the State Rules are finalized.
3. The District 2-E1 Youth Contest Rules will adhere to the MD-2 Rules in order that the Contest Rules for all districts are consistent. Both the district and the state contest rules can be found at <http://lions2e1.org>.
4. The applications for the three contests listed above are usually standardized for each contest. Supplemental information will vary according to the contest requirements, but certain minimum information is always required. The District's standardized information includes **2 wallet-sized color photographs** (head and shoulder close-up) and the **contest application**. Contestants should be informed early in the process of the standard information requirements so that it will not be necessary to scramble at the last minute to gather pictures, parent signatures, and applications. *The Medical Power of Attorney Form, the Student Code of Conduct Form, and the Chaperone Guidelines are required at the State Contest level only. The winner and runner-up of each contest must provide these later.*
5. District Contest Rules for the three contests outlined above will be published shortly after the MD-2 rules have been made available to the districts. Watch the newsletter for contest rules and information. Information will also be available on the District and the MD-2 websites.
6. To the extent possible, District Contest Rules for the three contests will be harmonized so that arrangements, rules, and procedural issues will be consistent for all of the contests.
7. Clubs sponsoring a youth contestant will normally be responsible for certain expenses associated with the District Contests. The expenses cover transportation, hotel if required, and meals for the contestant and a chaperone or parent at the Mid-Winter Conference.
8. Expenses for the State Contest are partially covered by the District but may involve some expense to the Sponsoring Club.
9. **We strongly encourage each club to start early in the school year in the recruitment of youth contestants.** Do not wait until the rules are published to contact teachers or school officials about the contest. Contestants, as well as teachers and/or counselors, need time to plan and prepare.
10. The **contest winner** will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship** and the **runner-up** will receive a **\$500 scholarship**. *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>.
11. **Please, please,** try to provide contestants to represent your club and your community. Do the youth of your community a favor and encourage them to compete for the scholarships. Obviously, they cannot compete if they are not informed of the contests.
12. Please mail all required applicant documents and materials to the District Youth Contest Coordinator listed below.

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