

2011-2012 DISTRICT 2-E1 OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST RULES

The contest is judged on the contestant's grade point average, personal biographical information, a short essay about volunteerism and its importance, letters of recommendation, community service/leadership, and a personal interview.

1. The following criteria shall be used for judging:
 - a. Twenty percent (20%)--grade point average (1 official transcript and 2 copies)
 - b. Five percent (5%)--Curriculum Vitae (resume) & 750 word Essay—
“Volunteerism and Its Importance” (3 copies of each)
 - c. Fifteen percent (15%)--Three letters of Recommendation (3 copies of each)
 - d. Thirty percent (30%)--Community Service/Leadership.
 - e. Thirty percent (30%)--Personal Interview
 2. The contest will be conducted in English.
 3. The contestants will draw for order of appearance.
 4. The contestants will remain outside the contest area until they are called for their interview.
 5. 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 being interviewed is finished.
 6. Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off during the contest.
 7. Following his/her interview, the contestant should be seated in the contest area.
 8. The contestants should not give any self-introduction, but will follow the direction of the judges.
 9. After the judges have been dismissed from the contest area, the contestants in the order of their interview will stand, state their name, hometown, grade level, school, and their sponsoring Lions Club.
 10. At the end of the introductions, the audience is encouraged to applaud and show support for the contestants. The audience will be asked not to take photographs during the contest. At the end of the contest, individual and group pictures may be taken.
 11. Parents of the contestants may be introduced at the discretion of the contest official.
 12. The winner and the runner-up will be announced at the luncheon or other appropriate time.
- Scholarships are awarded subject to the District Scholarship Rules. A \$1,000 scholarship 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>.
13. 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 Youth 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.