

2007 - 2008
DISTRICT 2-E1 RULES FOR
“OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD”
CONTESTANT

1. District contest rules will adhere to those established by MD-2 in order that all contestants will receive equal considerations and treatment.
2. Each contestant must have with him/her four (4) copies of all required information, one (1) for the District Chairman and three (3) for each of the judges. This includes high school grade point average (official school transcript), personal biographical information statement, three separate letters of recommendation, and documentation of community service and leadership participation. Two recent photographs (head and shoulders close-up) must be submitted along with other required papers. A personal interview will be conducted by the judges (dress should be suitable for a professional job interview). Judges total scores as outlined in the MD-2 Rules will be combined to reach a grand total score and winning contestants.
3. A scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded the winner and a scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 will be awarded to the runner-up by the District. All contestants will receive certificates.
4. The District 2-E1 Contest will be held at the Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Vernon, Texas, on 19 January, 2008. Contestants should arrive at the contest site in Vernon **NO LATER THAN 9:00 A. M.** on the 19th. The contestant winning first place at District must be willing, with their chaperone, to attend the MD-2 State Contest on Friday and Saturday, 16 –17 May, 2008, at the MD-2 Lions State Convention in Amarillo, Texas. Otherwise, the winner will be disqualified and the runner-up will participate at state level.
5. The sponsoring club shall be responsible for meals and transportation for the contestant and one (1) chaperone to the District Contest at Vernon, Texas on 19 January. The sponsoring District shall be responsible for transportation for the winning contestant and one (1) chaperone to the State Contest in Amarillo, Texas on 16-17 May. The State will provide 3 meals and lodging for the contestant. All other expenses are the responsibility of the sponsoring District.
6. Entry forms and contest rules are available on line at <http://lions2e1.org> or from the district contest chairman. Deadline for entry application forms with all required attachments to be received by the District “Outstanding Youth Award” Chairman is 5:00 P.M., January 4th, 2008.

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**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 area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to neither enter during an essay nor leave until judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants are required to attend an orientation held the evening before the contest. They will visit the presentation area, test microphone, and ask questions about contest facilities and procedures. Orientation is for contestants only.

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.

No one is allowed to enter or exit the contest room during an interview.

Upon entering the contest room, contestants shall state only their names and the interview shall proceed.

Contestants will then 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. 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 agreed to be available, on 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.

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 Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up), **Biographical Information, Official School Transcript, and a Three Letters of Recommendations**. The sponsoring District must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures and send to the State Coordinator no later than **May 1, 2008** deadline.

All contestants should 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 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"

State Coordinator

Lion GARLAND TINER

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**Note: Texas Lions MD-2 State Competitions will be held in Amarillo, Texas
May 16 - 17, 2008, at the Ambassador Hotel.**



Texas Lions MD-2
“OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH”
MD-2 Contest Guidelines

1. The Council of Governors shall determine which Opportunities For Youth contests are to be conducted each year and shall determine the sponsoring entry fee which shall be the same for all contests. The contests are: Diabetic Essay Contest, Drug Awareness Speech Contest, Outstanding Youth Award Contest, the Peace Poster Contest, and the Young Women's Scholar/Pageant.
2. MD-2 youth contests shall be conducted at the MD-2 Convention under the direction of the “Opportunities for Youth” State Chairperson chosen by the Council for that year. Each contest will have a Coordinator appointed by the State Chair, who will conduct the contest under the direction of the State Chair for that year.
3. Three judges are to be secured, by the MD-2 State Chair and or the Contest Coordinator, to serve each contest. No judges shall have served for any District contest preparatory for the MD-2 contest, shall not be a member of a club sponsoring a contest preparatory for the MD-2 contest and shall not be related to a contestant in a contest preparatory for the MD-2 Contest.
4. Application to participate in the contest is an agreement by all signatories to the application to comply with all general rules of the contests and the rules of each individual contest, as approved by the Council and interpreted by the MD-2 Contest Chair, Coordinator and by the Council.
5. Rules of eligibility are:
 - a.) A District may sponsor no more than one contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures) and the entry fee to the MD-2 Contest Chair prior to the beginning of the contest.
 - b.) A false statement on the entry application 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.
 - e.) When a first placed district contestant is unable to participate, the first alternate contestant from that district, (when approved by the MD-2 State Chair) may enter the contest using the original entrant's sponsoring fee.
 - f.) Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, must be a Junior or Senior, or recent graduate at the time of the MD-2 State competitions.
 - 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.
 - h.) Contestants may be required to use a microphone.
 - i.) Contestants maybe asked to draw for contest participation positions and shall remain outside the contest room until instructed to enter by the Contest Coordinator.
 - j.) All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.

6. Ranking of contestants in the MD-2 contest shall be:
 - a.) First place shall be the contestant receiving the highest grand total score, and shall receive a certificate and trophy.
 - b.) First Runner-Up shall be the contestant receiving the second highest grand total score, and shall receive a certificate and trophy.
7. Awards, certificates, scholar / grants and recognitions, presented to contestants, shall be uniform among all contests. The number of awards and the amount of the scholarship money given will be determined by the Council of Governors. Awards and Scholarship money shall be presented according to contestant's placement in each contest.
8. Scholar/grant awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's date of graduation from high school or achievement of the equivalent. Collection shall be by forwarding the amount to the registrar or business office of the post high school educational institution after proof of attendance is received. Uncollected scholar/grants are forfeited and the amount shall be credited to the Council Administrative Fund. Scholar/grants are held in trust by the Council until collected by the recipient or forfeited.
9. Entities such as the Past District Governors Association, the American Diabetes Association, MD-2 Districts, Lions Clubs and other organizations are welcome to show their support for the MD-2 "Opportunities for Youth" program by providing funding for the scholar/grants.
10. The Council shall provide:
 - a.) Awards, certificates and recognitions, excluding scholar/grants,
 - b.) Certificates, recognitions and honoraria to contest judges,
 - c.) Food and lodging for judges during service to the contest, and a maximum of two nights lodging, to be arranged by the MD-2 Convention Chairperson, and a maximum two-day (\$20 per day) meal allowance for contestant.
11. The district and/or club shall be responsible for all expenses not paid by the Council for each contestant and chaperone.
12. MD-2 State Chairperson shall submit a recommendation to the Council about the estimated cost of the following year's contests.
13. The Outstanding Youth Award Contest Coordinator may organize a community service seminar for all MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contestants. The seminar would include, but not be limited to, utilization of the services of International Officers elected from Texas and MD-2 Chairperson.



Texas Lions MD-2
“OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH”
MD-2 OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD CONTEST RULES

1. Information about the MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest shall be distributed annually, by the MD-2 Contest Chairperson, to each District Governor by the first day of the second month of the Lions fiscal year.
2. Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
3. Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at a time appointed by the MD-2 Convention Committee.
4. Each contestant's application shall be accompanied by an official high school transcript, biographical information (typed with a 2 page max), two photos (head and shoulders close-up), and three letters of recommendation.
5. 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).
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“OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH”
Contestant Application

Please print or type - Check the contest for which application is made

Diabetic Awareness Essay Drug Awareness Speech Outstanding Youth Award

Contestants Full Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Gender (M/F) _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade Point Average _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Name(s) Parent or Guardian _____

Home phone _____

Sponsoring Lions Club _____

School attended during contest year _____

School address _____

School Counselor name _____

Expected year of higher education enrollment _____

Name of University/College you plan to attend _____

We certify that statements in this application are correct. We have reviewed a copy of the Policies and Rules for the contest and promise to comply with them. We consent that all materials, creations, concepts, likeness, designs, posters, ideas, and intellectual rights and property used, mentioned, spoken, and written for or in connection with this contest, is the property of Texas Lions MD-2 and may be published and used for any purpose selected by the Texas Lions MD-2 Council of Governors. We understand that contestants are to be available, on request to participate in MD-2 events and activities for the period of one year after the contest

Signed by Contestant _____ Parent or Guardian _____

District must submit; an **Entry Fee** check of **\$200.00** made payable to MD-2 State Convention attached to the **Application, Personal Biographical Information, Three Letters of Recommendations, Three Copies of Diabetic Essay** (if applicable), and **Two wallet-sized, color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up) to the respective State Contest Coordinator. **Must be received by May 1, 2008**

District Governor _____ District _____