

2008-2009

DISTRICT 2-E1 RULES FOR  
DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH CONTEST

ORATION TOPIC: "DRUG ABUSE - PARADISE LOST"

1. District Rules governing the Speech Contest will adhere to MD-2 rules in order that contestants from all parts of the state will be treated equally.
2. Contestants will be required to submit two wallet size photographs ( head and shoulders close up), as well as the completed state application and personal biographical information to the District Contest Chairperson. Two copies of the application and personal biographical information should be provided to the District Contest Chairperson. **Deadline for submission to the District Contest Chairperson is January 2, 2009!**
3. A scholarship in the amount of \$700.00 will be awarded to the District winner and a scholarship of \$400 will be awarded to the runner up.
4. The sponsoring club will be responsible for transportation and meals for the contestant to and from the District contest location in Wichita Falls, Texas. The District will help defray expenses not covered by the state when the first place winner participates in the MD-2 contest in Lubbock, Texas.
5. The sponsoring club will be responsible for one (1) chaperone's transportation and meals to and from the District Contest Location. The District will help defray the expenses of the chaperone's meals and transportation to the MD-2 contest in Lubbock.
6. The District Contest will be held at the Mid Winter Conference in Wichita Falls, Texas on Saturday, January 17, 2009. The winner and a chaperone must be willing to attend and participate in the MD-2 contest in Lubbock, Texas on June 5-6, 2009. If for any reason the winner cannot attend the MD-2 contest, they will be disqualified and the runner up will represent the District.
7. Entry forms and contest rules are available on line at <http://lions2e1.org> or from the District Contest Chairperson.

District Contest Chairperson: PDG Billy Wood  
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Graham, Texas 76450  
Tel. 940-549-3158  
Email [bcwrfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcwrfw@sbcglobal.net)



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth  
"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"  
Contestant Rules**

"Drug Abuse - Paradise Lost"

The presentation should analyze the problem and present a solution. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the internet and library. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable lead way in proposing the plan. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title and date published (year if known). Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.

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 a 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.

The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District or State contests.

A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants' score. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the monitor will adjust the time accordingly.

The 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 evening before the contest at a time set forth by the State Chair. Contestants will visit the presentation area, test the microphone, and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the contest official.

Contestants will not give any self-introduction but give the title of their speech and then deliver the speech. The audience should be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech.

Following the contestant's speech he/she will take a seat in the assigned area and remain until the final speech is presented.

When all speeches have been presented, contestants, in the order of their presentation, 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, parents, chaperones, and guests of the contestants, may then be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2 Youth Luncheon at noon. The winner will present his/her speech at that time. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$500.00 scholarship. (Additional scholarship money is being solicited at this time. This website will be updated if/when this changes!)

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 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 wallet-sized color Photographs*** (head and shoulders close-up), and ***personal Biographical Information***. The sponsoring District must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures and are 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 before the contest 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 application with required information to:

**"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"**  
**Lion Newton D. Boriack –**  
**State Coordinator**

Office: (979) 865 - 5763  
Cell: (979) 885- 8601  
newtonboriack@sbcglobal.net

**Note: Texas Lions MD-2 State Competitions will be held in Lubbock, Texas  
June 5-6, 2009, at the  
Holiday Inn, Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock Texas 79401**



**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, and the Peace Poster Contest.
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 contests 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 contest deadline date.
  - 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 may be required to use a microphone.
  - h.) Contestants will draw for contest participation positions and shall remain outside the contest room until instructed to enter by a Contest Official.

i.) 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.) For the judges - Food and lodging during service to the contest, and a maximum of two nights lodging, to be arranged by the MD-2 Convention Chairperson

d.) For the contestants – one night of lodging before the contest and three (3) meals.

11. The district and/or club shall be responsible for all expenses not paid by the Council for each contestant and chaperone. All contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring District to the convention.

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 "OPPORTUNITES FOR YOUTH"

## Contestant Application



*Check the contest for which this application is being made and please print all other information.*

- Diabetic Awareness Essay**    
  **Drug Awareness Speech**    
  **Outstanding Youth Award**

Contestant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended During Contest Year \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Year of Higher Education Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that the 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. A chaperone approved by the District (parent, guardian, or Lion) shall accompany the contestant during their stay at the State contest. 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.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

District Governor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH DISTRICT MUST SUBMIT:** Entry Fee check of \$200 made payable to MD-2 State Convention along with:

**Diabetic Awareness Essay:** Contestant Application, Personal Biographical Information, (3) Copies of Diabetic Essay, and (2) wallet-size color photographs (head/shoulders close-up)

**Drug Awareness Speech:** Contestant Application, Personal Biographical Information, and (2) wallet-size color photographs (head/shoulders close-up)

**Outstanding Youth Award:** Contestant Application, Personal Biographical Information, (3) Letters of Recommendation, Certified High School Transcript, and (2) wallet-size color photographs (head/shoulders close-up)

Attach the **Contestant Application** and mail to the respective State Contest Coordinator to be received no later than May 15, 2009.