



## **LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2**

### **"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"**

**Contest Rules 2017-18**

#### **"ACCEPTING A DIABETES DIAGNOSIS: WHAT CAN PARENTS, PARTNERS AND CARETAKERS DO TO HELP LOVE ONES ADJUST TO A NEW NORMAL?"**

##### **"Risk Factors and Why Teens Use Drugs and Alcohol?"**

#### 1. Speech Subject:

##### **"Biological and Environmental Factors Associated with Drugs and Alcohol: What Should You Know?"**

*Explore the types of biological and environmental factors parents can watch out for to figure out if their child is at greater risk for substance abuse and steps they can take to address a child's drug and alcohol abuse issues.*

#### 2. Contest Rules

- a. The title of the Contestant's speech is not required to be the same as the Subject for the speech. Contestants should be creative in the selection of a speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. 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 the library.
- d. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- e. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
- f. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcome.
- g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
  - i. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes.
  - ii. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from the contestant's score.
  - iii. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified.
  - iv. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the contest monitor will adjust the time accordingly.
- h. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used.
- i. Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable of the subjects.
- k. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- n. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the State OFY Chair.
- o. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- p. The audience will be informed before the first contestant not to applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
- q. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- r. The winners will be announced on the same day of the contest.

### 3. Awards

- The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive \$1000.00 scholarship.
- The 2nd place winner will receive \$500.00 scholarship.
- To collect the scholarship award, the contestant must complete the following process:
  - i. Contestant winner must submit the Scholarship Request Form along with proof of registration from the school or university.
  - ii. Submit the form along with supplemental documentations to District Chairperson by mail to:

District 2S2 Youth Contest  
13638 La Concha Ln  
Houston, TX 77083

4. Payment will be made directly to the designated school.

5. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

6. Rules of Eligibility for contestants:

- a. A club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents, and the entry fee to the District Contest Coordinator prior to the entry deadline.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated document, causes disqualification of the Contestant, with the entry fee being forfeited.
- c. There shall be no refund of any entry fee.
- d. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas.
- f. Each contestant must be a high school senior
- 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 contest.

7. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to their sponsoring Lions Club and/or District.
  - i. State Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted).**
  - ii. Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.**
  - iii. Signed Copy of the Code of Conduct and Chaperone Guidelines**
  - iv. Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the State Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.
  - v. Typed Copies of the Speech.** Four (4) typed copies of the speech will be required for judging purposes and will be used for publications and contest promotion purposes

All contestants must agree to be available, upon request to participate in Lions District 2-S2 events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following year's contest.

8. Responsibilities of the Sponsoring Club

- a. An entry fee of \$100 to be attached to each participant's application. Check to be payable to **District 2S2**
- b. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents listed above (Items 7 (a)(i-v) are completed, have all required signatures and are sent to the District Chairperson.

**The deadline to postmark all applications will be March 31, 2018. Send entries to:**

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