



## LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

### "OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD"

Contest Rules 2017-18

#### 1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on a 750 to 1000 word essay, their biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information, three letters of recommendation, their high school grade point average and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant: Fifteen percent (15%) — 750 to 1000 word essay articulating **"In What ways have you been a "ChangeMaker" in your community and school and inspired others to do the same. Why is it important to be a ChangeMaker? A ChangeMaker is defined as one who commits to self responsibility and action toward being the change in their community".** The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.
  - i. Five percent (5%) — Grade point average from school transcript.
  - ii. Fifteen percent (15%) — Three letters of recommendation
  - iii. Thirty-five percent (35%) — biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.
  - iv. Thirty percent (30%) — Personal interview
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- e. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the State OFY Chair.
- f. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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:

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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. Four (4) typed double spaced copies of your 750 to 1000 word essay — "In What Ways Have You Been a ChangeMaker"**

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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