



2016 District 2-S3



**“Drug Awareness Speech”
Contest Rules**

“The Socioeconomic Effects of Marijuana Decriminalization”

1. Speech Subject

“The Socioeconomic Effects of Marijuana Decriminalization.” Explore the positive and negative effects that have occurred in communities where marijuana has been decriminalized. Make a case for or against allowing marijuana to be decriminalized in your community based on your findings. You may discuss the medical, culture, legal and economic changes in communities where the laws have been changed in defense of your position.

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 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 welcomed.
- 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 contestants’ 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 at District or MD-2 State contests.
- i. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- j. Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable of the subject.
- k. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OFY Chair.
 - l. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
 - m. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.

- n. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
- o. 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.
- p. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state the title of their speech and then deliver the speech.
- q. The winners will be announced during the 2S3 Lions Luncheon at noon.
- v. The 1st place winner will present his/her speech at that time.

3. Awards

- a. The 1st place Winner at Club level will receive a \$100.00
- b. The 2nd place Winner will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card
- c. 2S3 1st place awards will be presented at the MD-2 State Convention meeting in Midland, May 20-21, 2016 following the competition. Other place awards will be presented following the District competition.

4. 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) and associated documents postmarked by **January 11, 2016** for District competition.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program located in Texas.
- d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 contest.
- e. 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.

5. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following no later than **January 11, 2016** for District Competition.
 - i. State Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted). (but not the application fee nor governor's signature)**
 - ii. Two 4x6 or 5x7 photographs that are of the head and shoulders, glossy, color and are high resolution (300 dpi or better).**
 - 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. A Printed Copy of the Speech. The printed copy of the speech will not be used for judging purposes, but shall be used for publications and contest promotion purposes. Failure to supply the printed copy of the speech will result in a forfeiture of any awards earned in the contest.**

- b. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are mailed (postmarked) to the District Chair by **January 11, 2016**.
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- d. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are sent to the District Coordinator, postmarked no later than the **January 11, 2016** deadline.
- e. Contestants will visit the presentation area, test the microphone, and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
- f. Attend and compete at the Mid-Winter Conference **January 23, 2016**.
- g. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at **8:20 AM January 23, 2016**
- h. Contest winners are required to compete in Midland at the MD-2 contests during the State Convention on **May 20-21, 2016**. Expenses will be paid by the District and MD-2.

6. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities

- a. All Contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference, on **January 23, 2016**.
- b. The Mid-Winter Conference will be responsible for providing a Luncheon to the contestant and 2 parents.
- c. The sponsoring Club shall be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.
- d. Comply with requirements as set forth in the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth contest Chaperone Guidelines.

Note: Judging at the Club Level (Lake Travis Lions Club) will take place at the January 5, 2016 Lake Travis Lions Club meeting convening at 6pm at Maudie's Restaurant. All Contestants must be accompanied by a Parent, or Parents or Legal Guardian.

The District Competition will take place at the 2S3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 23, 2016 at St. Luke's on The Lake Episcopal Church Events Center.