



## 2016 District 2-S3



# “OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD” Contest Rules

### 1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on high school grade point average, a 750-word essay, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays:
  - i. Ten percent (10%) – 750 Word essay – *“Volunteerism and Its Importance”*– tell why you feel volunteerism is important in a young person's life. Please site specifics to exemplify your statements.
  - ii. Fifteen percent (15%) – Grade point average.
  - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) (total) - Three letters of recommendation
  - iv. Thirty percent (30%) - biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information.
  - v. Thirty percent (30%) - Personal Interview
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- e. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- f. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OFY Chair.
- g. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- h. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the interview and reminded before each contestant interview of the same requirement.
- i. 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.
- j. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.

- k. No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the constant's interview process.
- l. The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2S3 Mid-Winter Conference Luncheon
- m. The 1st place winner will present his/her acceptance speech at that time.

## **2. 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 1<sup>st</sup> place awards will be presented at the Council of Governors meeting in Midland, Saturday, **May 21, 2016** following the competition. Other place awards will be presented following the District competition.

## **3. 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 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.
- 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.

## **6. Responsibilities of Contestant**

- a. Each Winner shall be required to submit the following to the District Youth Contest Chairperson no later than **January 11, 2016**.

**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 Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.**
  - v. **750 word Essay – “Volunteerism and Its Importance.”**
  - vi. **Biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information**
  - vii. **Three letters of recommendation**
  - viii. **Official High School Transcript.**
- b. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents, outlined above are completed, have all required signatures, and are mailed (postmarked) to the District Chair by **January 11, 2016.**  
(but not the application fee nor governor’s signature)
  - c. Attend and compete during the 2S3 Mid-Winter Conference **January 23, 2016.**
  - d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 8:20 AM **January 23, 2016.**
  - e. Contestants will visit the presentation area and may ask any questions they may have.
  - f. Contest winners are required to compete in Midland at the MD-2 contests held during the MD-2 state convention **May 20 and 21, 2016.** Contestants’ expenses will be paid by the District and MD-2.
7. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities
- a. All contestants shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated chaperone from their sponsoring club to the Mid-Winter Conference.
  - b. The Mid-Winter will be responsible for providing lunch for the contestant and 2 parents.
  - c. The sponsoring Club will be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.

**Note: Judging at the Club Level will take place on January 5, 2016 at the Lake Travis Lions Club meeting convening at 6pm at Maudie’s Restaurant.**

**2S3 District Competition will be held during Mid-Winter Conference on January 23, 2016 at St. Luke’s on The Lake Episcopal Church Event Center.**