

TEXAS LIONS MD-2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CONTESTS

OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

2019 – 2020

“MAKING AN IMPACT – MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

The Outstanding Youth Award Contest is an annual competition allowing participants to apply for the Texas Lions OYA Scholarship. Contestants are 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

Contestant's essay should detail positive actions they have taken or would take to be the Change they want to see in their school, community and world. Contestants must articulate, why change is so important and What change will you do to make a difference. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.

Eligibility

The Outstanding Youth Award is open to all high school juniors and seniors. Scholarship awards must be collected no later than two (2) years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

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 on Making an Impact-Making a Difference. Contestant essay should detail positive actions Contestant has already taken to make an impact or to make a difference in their school and community by being involved in school clubs and community service organizations. Contestants must also articulate in their essay future activities they intend to participate in to continue to make a positive impact or make a difference in other people's lives. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.

Five percent (5%) — Grade point average from school transcript.

Fifteen percent (15%) — Three letters of recommendation.

Thirty-five percent (35%) — biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.

Thirty percent (30%) — Personal interview

NOTE:

Once a Student has committed to entering the contest, there are other Responsibilities the Student must meet and Forms to fill out such as an Official Application, Code of Conduct Guidelines, Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head and shoulders, glossy and in color and other Forms to be provided once Student registers as a Contestant.

If the Student wins at the local level – Lake Travis Lions Club, he/she must agree to continue to the next level(s) of Competition.

Lake Travis Lions Club Winner = \$100

District 2s3 Winner = \$1,000 First Place \$500 Second Place

MD2 Texas State Winner = \$3,000 First Place \$2,000 Second Place \$1,000 Third Place

DEADLINES:

Submit Speech to **Lake Travis Lions by December 17, 2019** – judging will take place on this date at their Evening Meeting at Maudie’s Tex-Mex Hill Country. The Judges will be persons who are knowledgeable about Community Service and High School Level Leadership. The public is invited to be in the audience and to support the Contestants.

The **Winner** will go on to compete in the District 2s3 Level, January 2020 Time & Location = TBA

The **District Winner** will go on to compete in the Lions MD-2 Texas State Convention in Longview, TX on May 14-17, 2020

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND FOR FORMS once a student has committed to competing, please contact:

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