



DISTRICT 2-A2 YOUTH CONTEST



CONTESTANT APPLICATION

1. Choose Contest

_____ Diabetic Awareness Essay _____ Drug Awareness Essay _____ Outstanding Youth
_____ Young Women's Scholarship Pageant

2. Contestant's Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(City, State, Zip)

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female: _____
(MM, DD, YYYY)

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

3. Parent's/Guardian's Information

Parent/ Guardian Name(s) _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____

4. School Information

School Currently Attending: _____

School Address: _____ School Phone: _____
(City, State, Zip)

Counselors Name: _____ Current Classification: Junior ___ Senior ___

GPA: _____ Expected Year of Higher Education Enrollment: _____

Name of University/College you plan to attend: _____

5. Lions Club Information

Sponsoring Lions Club: _____

Club Contact Name: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

We certify that statements in this application are correct. We have reviewed a copy of the Contest Rules and promise to comply with them. We consent that all materials, creations, concepts, likeness, designs, posters, and intellectual rights and property used, mentioned, spoken, and written for, or in connection with, this contest are the property of Texas Lions MD-2/District 2-A2 and may be published and used for any purpose selected by the Texas Lions MD-2 Council of Governors. A Chaperone approved by the District (a parent, guardian or Lion) shall accompany the Contestant during their stay at the event where the contest will be judged. We understand that the contestants are to be available, on request, to participate in Texas MD-2/District 2-A2 events and activities for the period of one year after the contest.

6. Authorization

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lions Club President: _____ Date: _____

Completed Application is due by MARCH 24, 2017



Lions District 2-A2 OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD



CONTEST RULES

1. **Essay Subject: “What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country”**
Tell why you feel it is important for young people to promote Americanism and Love of Country and how you can do so.

2. **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 contestants:
 - i. Ten percent (10%) – 750 Word essay – **“What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country”**
 - ii. Fifteen percent (15%) – Grade point average.
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) (total) - Three letters of Recommendation
 - iv. Thirty percent (30%) – Resume which features community service, and community and school leadership experiences.
 - iv. Thirty percent (30%) - Personal Interview
 - c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
 - d. All District 2-A2 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. 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 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.
 - ii. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
 - h. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.

- i. Following the Contestant's interview he/she will take a seat in the area assigned for the contestants and remain in the contest area until the final interview is completed and introductions have been completed.
 - i. The Contest Official may allow an exemption of this requirement for medical reasons/emergencies, restroom breaks or for other reasons deemed acceptable by the Contest Official.
 - ii. Request may be made between contestant interviews only.
- j. No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the contestant's interview process
- k. When all interviews have been completed, contestants, in the order of their presentation, will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels, and their District and Lions Club sponsors.
- l. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced Friday evening during the District Convention Youth Awards Banquet at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas.
- m. The 1st place winner will present his/her acceptance and read his/her essay at that time.

3. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contest winner and runner-up must submit the Scholarship Request Form with proof of enrollment from a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
 - ii. Send the above information to:
Lion Steve Mays
212 CR 347
La Vernia, Texas 78121
- d. The check will be mailed to the contestant to endorse and submit to the school.
- e. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from high school.
- f. A Sales Leader Award will be presented to the contestant who sells the greatest total value of ads.

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. Each contestant must be a junior, senior in high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas at the time of the District 2-A2 contest.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents and late entry applications are causes for disqualification of the Contestant,
- c. A Lions Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents to the District Chairperson prior to the entry deadline.

- d. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the District contest.

5. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. The District 2-A2 Youth Contests are largely funded through the sale of ads in the Convention Souvenir Program. Although ad sales *will* be considered a requirement in order to be considered eligible to participate, ad sales will *not* be used as a determining factor in the final score *unless* there is a tie between two contestants. There will be a special recognition for the contestant who sells the most ads supporting their participation in the contest.
- b. Each contestant will be required to sell a minimum of **three (3) ads to local businesses** in addition to sponsoring club and parent/relatives ads.
- c. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to their sponsoring Lions Club:
 - i. **Ad Agreements, camera ready ad copies and two (2) 4x6 or 5x7 photos (head and shoulders close up) are to be emailed to Lion Abel Martinez at amartinez3127@gmail.com by March 24, 2017. (Electronic submissions preferred in PDF format)**
 - ii. **Ad payments which are to be mailed to Lion Abel Martinez, 412 S. San Manuel, San Antonio, Texas 78237 by March 24, 2017. **All checks are to be made payable to Lions District 2-A2. Be sure to put contestant name and the name of the contest on the memo line of each check to insure credit for the sale is assigned to the correct contest!****
 - iii. **The completed Outstanding Youth Contest Application, an Official High School Transcript, three (3) Letters of Recommendation, and four (4) printed copies of the essay are to be mailed to the Contest Coordinator by MARCH 24, 2017.**
- d. Attend the District Convention at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas on **Friday, April 7, 2017**. Judging will be conducted between 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- e. Contestants are to report to the Recreation Hall of the Texas Lions Camp **by 12:00 noon on April 7, 2017**. They may then ask any questions they may still have about the contest. Judging will be conducted between 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- f. All contestants are expected to attend the District 2-A2 Convention - Youth Awards Banquet at the Texas Lions Camp on Friday, April 7, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6. Responsibilities of Sponsoring Lions Club

- a. The Sponsoring Lions Club must make sure all documents as listed above (see item 5.c. iii) are completed, have all required signatures, and are sent to the District 2-A2 Outstanding Youth Contest Coordinator, to be received no later than **MARCH 24, 2017**.

- b. The Sponsoring Lions Club must collect the Ad Agreements, camera ready ads, ad payments and contestant photos from their contestant and submit to Lion Abel Martinez (see 5.c. i-ii) before the deadline of **MARCH 24, 2017. No Exceptions. (Electronic submissions preferred in PDF format)**
- c. The Sponsoring Lions Club is responsible for making sure their contestant arrives at the District Convention at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas on **Friday, April 7, 2017, by 12:00 noon.**
- d. The Sponsoring Club must insure that all contestants are accompanied at the Convention by a parent/guardian, or designated chaperone from their club.
- e. The Sponsoring Lions Club will be responsible for providing meals for their contestant and their parents/guardians and one night's lodging (if applicable) before or after the Youth Award Banquet at the District Convention.

7. District Outstanding Youth Contest Coordinator Contact Information

**Lion Debbie Book
5411 Goshen Grove
San Antonio, TX 78247
Cell: 210-204-8300
Email: dbook0@yahoo.com
Home Club: SA Region 20 Lions Club**

8. District 2-A2 Convention Information

The District Convention will be held in Kerrville, Texas on April 7 & 8, 2017. All Youth Contests will be on April 7, 2017 from 1:00 p. m. – 3:30 p. m. at the following location:

**Texas Lions Camp
4100 San Antonio Highway
Kerrville, Texas 78028**



AD AGREEMENT

The State of Texas
County of Bexar

_____, Here In After Called

Representative, Representing _____
Name of Firm, Business, or Individual

Does Hereby Purchase an Ad from _____
Name of Seller / Contestant

Who is Representing Lions District 2-A2. The Size and Cost of the Purchased Ad is (Circle one)

Full Page	\$125.00
1/2 Page	\$ 75.00
1/4 Page	\$ 40.00
1/8 Page	\$ 25.00

And Representative Does Hereby Promise to Pay to the Order of the **Lions District 2-A2**
The sum of \$ _____. Paid Ad will Appear in the Souvenir Book Distributed at the
District 2-A2 Convention to be held April 7-8, 2017 in Kerrville, Texas.
The Information on said Ad is Attached Hereto, Printed Below, or written on the Back of this Page.

Signed on this _____ Day of _____ 2017.

Representative of Business or Individual

Representative Seller / Candidate

Address _____

Telephone (Wk) _____ (Hm) _____ (Cell) _____

Deadline is March 24, 2017

**This Agreement, Ad Copy and Contestant Photos need to be emailed to Abel Martinez
at amartinez3127@gmail.com**

**Ad payments to be mailed to:
Abel Martinez
412 San Manuel
San Antonio, Texas 78237**