



DISTRICT 2-A2 YOUTH CONTEST “OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD”



“Making an Impact-Making a Difference”

(Ad sales are a requirement for this contest. See Section 5-Responsibilities of Contestants for more information.)

CONTEST RULES

1. Essay Subject: “Making an Impact-Making a Difference”

Contestant’s essay should detail positive actions they have taken or would take to impact the difference they want to see in their school, community and world.

2. Contest Rules:

The following criteria shall be used for judging the contest:

Contestants shall be evaluated on high school grade point average, a 750-1,000 word essay, three letters of recommendation, a resume of performance of community service, leadership experience/participation and a personal interview.

- **Fifteen percent (15%)** — 750 to 1000 word essay on “Making an Impact-Making a Difference”. Contestant’s 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
- a. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
 - b. All District 2-A2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants shall speak English during contest presentations.
 - c. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
 - d. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
 - e. Prior to each contestant interview, the audience will be instructed not to applaud at the end of the interview.
 - 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.
 - f. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.

- g. 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.
 - 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.
- h. No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the contestant's interview process
- i. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced Saturday during the District Convention Youth Awards Luncheon at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas.
- m. The 1st place winner will 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. *[See information about the 3 required business ads in Item 5b.]*

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. Each contestant must be a junior or 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, and/or associated documents or submission of the application and associated documents after the deadline 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), and associated documents to the District Outstanding Youth Contest Coordinator 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 Conference 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 selling ads to the sponsoring Lions club and parent/relatives.
- c. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to their sponsoring Lions Club **by March 15, 2020**
 - i. **Ad Agreements, camera ready ad copies, and two (2) 4x6 or 5x7 color photographs (head and shoulders close-up). (Electronic submissions preferred in PDF format)**
 - ii. **Ad payments are to be included in the packet to the Sponsoring Lions club **All checks are to be made payable to Lions District 2-A2.** *Be sure to put the name of the contestant 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, and Official High School Transcript, four (4) copies of the three 3 letters of Recommendation, four (4) copies of their resume, and four (4) printed copies of the essay are to be included in the packet nt to the Sponsoring Lions Club.
- d. Attend the District Convention at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. Contestants are to report to the Lobby inside the main entrance of the Hotel by 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**.. They may then ask any questions they may still have about the contest. Judging will be conducted between 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- e. All contestants are expected to attend the District Convention – Youth Awards Luncheon at the Inn of the Hills Hotel Saturday, **April 4, 2020** at 12:00 noon

7. Responsibilities of Sponsoring Lions Club

- a. The Sponsoring Lions Club must make sure the documents as listed above (see Item 5. c. iii) are completed, have all required signatures, and are sent to one of the District 2-A2 Outstanding Youth Coordinator, to be received no later than **March 15, 2020**.
- 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 15, 2020. No Exceptions.**
 - **(Electronic submissions are preferred in PDF format for the Ad Agreements, camera ready ads and contestant photos which are to be, emailed to Lion Abel Martinez at amartinez430@yahoo.com by March 15, 2020.**

- **Ad payments are to be mailed to Lion Abel Martinez, 412 S. San Manuel, San Antonio, Texas 78237 and received by March 15, 2020.**
- c. The Sponsoring Lions Club is responsible for making sure their contestant arrives at the District Convention at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas on **Saturday, April 4, 2020 by 8:30 a.m.**
- d. The Sponsoring Club must insure that the contestant is accompanied at the conference by parent, guardian, or designated chaperone from their club.
- e. The Sponsoring Lion's Club will be responsible for providing meals for their contestant and their parents/guardians and one night's lodging (if applicable) before the contest.

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

4. District 2-A2 Convention Information

The District Convention will take place at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas on **Saturday, April 3-4, 2020**. All Youth Contests will be held on Saturday, **April 4, 2020** from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel.

Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center
1001 Junction Hwy
Kerrville, TX 78028



DISTRICT 2-A2 YOUTH CONTEST



CONTESTANT APPLICATION

1. Choose Contest

Diabetic Awareness Essay Drug Awareness Speech 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: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

4. School Information

School Currently Attending: _____ School Phone: _____

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 to Sponsoring Lions Club by March 15, 2020



DISTRICT 2-A2 YOUTH CONTEST 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 in Kerrville, Texas on April 3-4, 2020.
The Information on said Ad is Attached Hereto, Printed Below, or written on the Back of this Page.

Signed on this _____ Day of _____ 2020

Representative of Business or Individual

Representative Seller / Candidate

Address _____

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

Deadline is March 15, 2020

**This Agreement, Ad Copy and Contestant Photos need to be emailed to
Abel Martinez
amartinez430@yahoo.com**

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