



DISTRICT 2-A2 YOUTH CONTEST “DIABETIC AWARENESS ESSAY”



“Diabetes 101”

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

CONTEST RULES

1. Essay Subject

Diabetes 101

It is estimated that 415 million people are living with diabetes in the world, which is estimated to be 1 in 11 of the world’s adult population. 46% of people with diabetes are undiagnosed. The figure is expected to rise to 642 million people living with diabetes worldwide by 2040. With so many people living with diabetes more than ever it is important that the topic of diabetes continues to be at the forefront of our daily lives. In this year’s Diabetes Awareness Essay, Contestants are asked to research and write about the different types of diabetes to get a greater understanding of symptoms, causes, risk factors, and long-term complications of having diabetes. The essay should also identify medical treatments as well as lifestyle choices that can help individuals manage their diabetes.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The title of the Contestant’s essay is not required to be the same as the Subject for the essay. Contestants should be creative in the selection of an essay title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The essay should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- d. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
- e. Each Contestant shall personally research, write and read his/her contest essay.
 - f. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing physicians, nurses, medical professionals, community and organization workers, etc., and by using the internet and library. The essay shall be a written article, to be read by the Contestant, to be judged by a panel of judges in competition with other Contestants.
- g. The essay shall not exceed 1500 words.
 - i. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives and pronouns.
Example: “I,” “a,” “the,” “and,” and “an.”
 - ii. The essay must include a bibliography of alphabetized sources used in its composition.
Note: the bibliography is not included in the 1500 word count.
 - iii. Essay should be **typed in double space format.**

- h.** The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays:
 - i.** Sixty percent (60%) of the score shall be based on the authenticity, current information and an application of the assigned essay topic.
 - ii.** Twenty-five percent (25%) of the score shall be based on the understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques, in the use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed and clarity.
 - iii.** Fifteen percent (15%) of the score shall be based on grammar, spelling, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay topic.
- i.** Video equipment may not be used in contests.
- j.** Two or more of the judges should be knowledgeable about the medical aspects of diabetes.
- k.** One of the judges should be knowledgeable about the English language, its grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation and correct usage.
- l.** All contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- m.** Order of the appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the District Youth Chair.
- n.** Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- o.** Prior to each contestant reading their essay, the audience will be informed not to applaud at the end of the essay.
- p.** The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time.
 - i.** Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- q.** Contestants **will not** give any self-introduction but shall state the title of their essay and then deliver the essay.
- r.** No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the presentation of a contestant's essay.
- s.** After each essay, the audience will be asked to leave the contest area at the end of each speech to allow judges time to score the essays base on contest criteria.
- t.** The winners will be announced during the District Convention Youth Awards Luncheon at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas.
- u.** 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.** Contestant winner or runner-up must submit the Scholarship Request Form along with proof of enrollment from a university, college, junior college or vocational school. Send this information to the District 2-A2 Treasurer:

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- 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, senior in high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas at the time of the District 2-A2 contest.
- b. 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 Contest Coordinator prior to the entry deadline.
- c. A false statement on the entry application, and/or associated documents or submission of the application after the deadline are causes for disqualification of the Contestant,
- 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 a requirement to be eligible to participate, ad sales will *not* be a determining factor in the final score *unless* there is a tie between the top two contestants. There will be a special recognition for the contestant who sells the most ads supporting their participation 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 Diabetic Essay Contest Application and four (4) printed copies of the essay are to be included in the packet sent 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.

6. Responsibilities of the Sponsoring Lions Clubs

- 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 Drug Awareness Speech Contest Coordinators, 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 Lions 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 Contest Coordinator Contact Information

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f. 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

