



DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS CLUB



2019-2020 Outstanding Youth Award Contest Rules

The Outstanding Youth Award Contest is a competition for junior and senior high school based on a 750 to 1,000 words essay, biography information, community service, leadership experience and participation, three letter recommendation, high school grade point average, and personal interview.

This year subject topic is ‘**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.

Basic criteria

- Contestant ***must*** be sponsored by a Lion Club from District 2-X1 (<http://www.lions2-x1.org>).
- Registration fee is **\$100 per contestant**, provided by the sponsoring Lions Club, payable to ‘**2-x1 Charities Inc.**’
- Contestant must be junior or senior high school.
- Award and monetary award will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners (amount TBD).
- First place winner will present their speech at the District 2-X1 Convention on April 26, 2020 at Omni Hotel, Dallas, TX and if win will advance to State level contest.

Judging Criteria

1. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant:
 - A. 15% — 750 to 1000 words, well organized, good vocabulary and conform to required length.
 - B. 5% — Grade point average from school transcript.
 - C. 15% — Three letters of recommendation.
 - D. 35% — biography statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.
 - E. 30% — Personal interview.
2. At the personal interview, the contestant will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name, and interview shall proceed.
3. Contestant shall ***submit to the sponsoring Lions Club*** the following documents:
 - i. Completed State Contest application form (typed).
 - ii. One certified high school transcript and 3 copies.
 - iii. Essay, typed, double-spaced (4 copies).
 - iv. Three Letters of Recommendation (4 copies).
 - v. Biography statement, community service, leadership experience and participation experience (4 copies).
 - vi. Two wallet size photographs (color).
 - vii. Signed copy of Code of Conduct and Chaperone Guidelines.*

viii. Medical Power of Attorney designation contestant's Chaperone as Primary Responsible Party and the State Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.*

* These forms are available at the MD-2 State website at <https://texaslions.org/forms-and-documents/>

Where do we find contestant(s)?

- Schools' principals, counselors, and/or Science/English teachers.
- Youth Groups and Youth Programs.

Important dates:

- March 2, 2020. - Submission deadline for contestant
- March 14, 2020 - Judging and interview, venue TBA.
- April 20, 2020. - Submit Award winners to MD-2 Texas Lions.
- April 26, 2020 - Winner Award and Presentation at the District 2-X1 Convention at Omni Hotel, Dallas, TX.
- May 14-17, 2020 - State Convention, at Longview, TX.

For more information please contact:

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Submit completed application, all required documents, and payment (check payable to '*2XI Charities*'), to Lion Nia MacKay's address above.