



DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS CLUB



2019-2020 Drug Awareness Speech Contest Rules

This year subject topic is “**Opioid Addiction and Intervention.**” Opioids have become widely prescribed for pain relief with great benefits, but due to their wide use, there is a significant potential risk of them being abused. Although the problem has not been eliminated, there are interventions set in place to help with the problem. Discuss at least two types of interventions with emphasis on the therapeutic benefits, and how you may be able to help steer your friends away from using opioids.

Basic Rules and Qualifications

- The title of the Contestant's speech is not required to be the same as the subject for the speech.
- Contestants should be creative in the selection of a speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the internet and the library.
- The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
- Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcome.
- The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
 - A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6.5) minutes.
 - At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal, and five (5) points will be deducted from the contestant's score if speech beyond seven and half (7.5) minutes.
 - A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7.5) minutes will be disqualified.
- Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used.
- 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.

Where do we find contestant(s)?

- School principals, counselors, and/or Science/English teachers

- Youth Groups and Youth Programs

Important dates:

- March 2, 2020. - Submission deadline for the speech contestant
- March 14, 2020 - Notification will be sent to contestant
- April 26, 2020 - Winner Award and Speech Presentation at the District 2-X Convention at Omni H0tel, Dallas, TX.
- May 14-17, 2020 - State Convention, at Longview, TX.

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Submit completed application, all required documents, and payment (check payable to ‘*2XI Charities*’), to her address above.