



DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS CLUB



2021 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 ‘**Innovation and Leading Change Today.**’ Contestants should detail in the essay how he/she has used innovation to lead change in their school or community activities to create a positive impact and make a difference in people’s lives. Contestants must articulate in explaining why change is so important and what change will you do to make a difference.

Basic criteria

- Contestant ***must*** be sponsored by a Lion Club from District 2-X1.
- 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 (TBA) will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners,
- First place winner will present their speech at the District 2-X1 Convention on **Saturday, April 24, 2021** at Hyatt Place, 5101 N President George Bush Hwy, Garland, TX 75040, and 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% — Biographical information 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 (typed) State Contest application form.
 - ii. One certified high school transcript and 3 copies.
 - iii. Four (4) copies of typed, double-spaced, with ***word count*** on last page essay (750-1000 words).
 - iv. Four (4) copies of three (3) Letters of Recommendation.
 - v. Four (4) copies of Biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience and participation experience.
 - vi. Two (2) passport size, glossy, color photographs.

- vii. Signed Contestant Code of Conduct*
- viii. Signed Chaperone Guidelines*
- ix. Signed 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](#).

4. Fail to send **ALL** items above will result in ***disqualification***.

Where do we find contestant(s)?

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

Important dates:

- Mon., March 1, 2021 - Submission deadline post mark for contestant
- Sat., March 27, 2021 - Judging and interview at Betty Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75052, from **9 AM to 12 PM**. First come, first serve base.
- Mon., April 19, 2021 - Postmark submission award winners to MD-2 Texas Lions.
- Sat., April 24, 2021 - Winner Award and Presentation at the District 2-X1 Convention at Hyatt Place, 5101 N President George Bush Hwy, Garland, TX 75040
- Fri-Sat., May 21-22, 2021 - MD-2 State Convention, **(TBA)**, Waco, TX

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Submit completed application, ALL required documents, and payment (check payable to '**2X1 Charities**'), to the above address.