

Drug Awareness Speech: District 2-X1 Award **\$1,000** for 1st Place Winner
\$500 for 2nd Place winner

“Drug Abuse, Addiction and Recovery”

1. Speech subject:
Drug addiction both to illicit drugs and prescription drugs is a common issue in the United States and worldwide. The line between illicit drugs and prescription drug abuse is less distinct as a growing number of legitimate prescriptions become diverted to the illicit market. All forms of drug abuse, illicit or otherwise, place individuals at high risk of developing substance abuse disorders and should be addressed immediately. For this Contest, contestants are asked to identify and present some of the latest proven therapies available to individuals affected with drug abuse, which provides them with the best possibility of sustained recovery. Contestants may focus their research and present their findings on one or more forms of drugs abuse.
 - 2 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.
 - 3 The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
 - 4 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.
 - 5 The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
 - 6 Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
 - 7 Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcome.
 - 8 The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
 - i A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes; and at six-and-one-half (6 ½) minutes.
 - ii At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal; and five (5) points will be deducted from the contestant’s score.
 - iii A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven-and-one-half (7 ½) minutes will be disqualified.
 - 9 Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used.
 - 10 The First Place winner of the District 2-X1 contest will present his/her speech at the 2-X1 District Convention in Coppell, Texas on 27th April 2019.
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