



**District 2-E2 Opportunities for Youth
“OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD”
Contest Rules
2018-2019**

1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on a 750 to 1000-word essay, their biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information, three letters of recommendation, their high school grade point average and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant:
 - i. Fifteen percent (15%) – 750 to 1000-word essay – Articulating “The Change You Want to See in the World”. Contestant essay should detail positive actions the Contestants have taken or would take to make things better in their school, community and world. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.
 - ii. Five percent (5%) – Grade point average from school transcript.
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) – Three letters of recommendation
 - iv. Thirty-five percent (35%) – biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.
 - v. Thirty percent (30%) – Personal interview
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All District 2-E2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- e. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- f. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OYC Chair.
- g. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- h. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the interview and reminded before each contestant interview of the same requirement.
- i. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time.

Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.

- j. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.
- k. No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the constant's interview process.
- l. The audience will be asked to leave the contest area at the end of each speech to allow the judges time to score essays based on contest criteria.
- m. The winners will be announced during the Lions 2E2 Youth Luncheon at noon.
- n. The winner will present their acceptance speech at that time.

2. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will win a \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will win a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. To collect the scholarship award, the contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant winner or runner-up must complete the Scholarship Request form along with proof of registration information from a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
 - ii. The information should be sent to the OYC Chair, along with any supplemental information needed by the institution (ie. scholarship forms, etc).

Send request for payment to:

Suzanna Powell

District 2E2 OYC Chairperson

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d. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

e. Payment will be made to the designated school.

3. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

a. Lions Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents, and the entry fee to the District 2-E2 Youth Contest Chairperson prior to the entry deadline.

b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated document, causes disqualification of the Contestant, with the entry fee being forfeited.

- c. There shall be no refund of any entry fee.
- d. Each contestant shall have placed first in the District contest during the current Lions' year.
 - i. When a first placed district contestant is unable to participate in the MD-2 contest, the first alternate contestant from that District, when approved by the MD-2 Contest Chairman, may enter the contest using the original entrant's sponsorship fee.
- e. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas.
- f. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the District 2-E2 contest.
- g. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the District 2-E2 contest.

4. Responsibilities of Contestant

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to their sponsoring Lions Club and/or District.
 - i. **District Contest Application.**
 - ii. **Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.**
 - iii. **Four (4) typed double spaced copies of your 750 to 1000 word essay – “In what ways have you been a Change Maker?”**
 - iv. **Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience**
 - v. **Four (4) copies of the three (3) letters of recommendation**
 - vi. **One (1) certified high school transcript, plus three (3) copies.**
- b. Attend the District 2-E2 Mid-Winter Conference on January 20, 2018.

5. Responsibilities of the Sponsoring Club:

- a. An entry fee of \$125 to be attached to each participant's application. Check to be made payable to **District 2-E2.**
- b. The sponsoring clubs must make sure all documents listed above are completed, have all required signatures and are sent to the Outstanding Youth Chairperson.. **The deadline to postmark all applications will be 12-20-2018 for all Lions Clubs . The applications must be received no later than 12-28-18 to be eligible.**

6.Chaperone/Sponsoring Club and or District Responsibilities

- a. All contestants shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated chaperone from their sponsoring club or District to the convention.
- b. The sponsoring Lions Club will be responsible for providing 1 meal at the Youth Contest for the contestant.

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