



Texas Lions District 2-E2 2021-2022 Opportunities for Youth



Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest Summary

The Importance of Diabetes Education in Texas Schools

K-12: A Student's Perspective

Diabetes is a growing concern in the USA and around the world. One of the reasons why the incidence of diabetes is rising is because of unawareness. As a society, we should promote awareness, and one way to do this is to educate young people about diabetes. What is diabetes, signs, and symptoms, and how diabetes can be prevented and managed?

In this essay, contestants should explain why diabetes awareness is important in schools K-12 grades. The essay must include diabetes information from research plus what they would do to educate students about diabetes in their school. (Examples may include walks, display tables and school or community presentations). **Essays that include any contestant led activities and information from teachers, nurses, doctors, dieticians, classmates, or anyone they know with diabetes will be given more credit in this contest.**

Contest is open to 2021/2022 high school Juniors and Seniors

- Application and Essay *due date*: November 30, 2021. The Essay and Application must be emailed by 11:59 pm on November 30, 2021 to philo.waters@att.net or mailed to Lions District 2-E2 Organ and Eye Bank, P.O. Box 830, Fort Worth, TX 76101 with a postmark date of Friday, November 29, 2021.
- Prize levels:
 - 1st Place in 2-E2 \$2,000, advances to State Competition
 - 2nd Place in 2-E2 \$1,500, alternate for State Competition
 - 3rd Place in 2-E2 \$1,000
- Essay must be under 1,500 words, typed, double-spaced; have a word count on the last page; and, include a bibliography of alphabetized sources (not counted towards the word count).
- Contestants must read or recite their essay at the District 2-E2 cabinet meeting before three judges on January 15, 2022 (St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine, TX 76051). The winner must be willing to compete online on May 14, 2022 in the State competition, the winner of which will be asked to recite their essay in person at the MD2 Texas Lions Convention Youth Luncheon on May 28, 2022, in Abilene Texas
- Judging Criteria: content (60%), recitation (25%), and English language including grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation, and correct usage (15%)