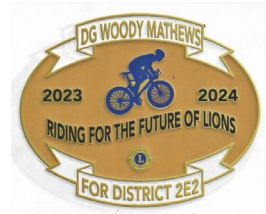




Lions Clubs International District 2-E2
OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST
2023-24



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPONSORING CLUBS

District 2-E2 Contest (see the *District 2-E2 Contest Rules* included at end of document)

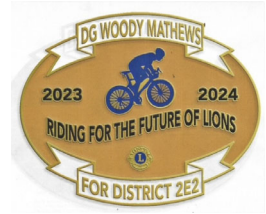
1. Each Club may only sponsor one contestant. The entry fee is \$125.00 and is to be paid by the sponsoring Club. Each Club may solicit contestants on its own, or by engaging High School Guidance Counselor(s)/Assistant Principals, or both. High School Guidance Counselors/Vice Principals should be informed and/or given a printed copy of this information.
2. The “**2023-24 Outstanding Youth Contestant Package**” and the Application form are available for download from the District website at:
<https://www.lions2e2.org/outstanding-youth-contest/>.
3. Entry packages from contestants are due back to their Sponsoring Club on or before **December 1, 2023**.
4. Each sponsoring Club is responsible to see that contestants’ entry packages are complete and contain all required signatures. See the **CLUB RESPONSIBILITY CHECK LIST** (next page) for the required entry package contents. Be sure to keep records of all copies that you submit.
5. Clubs are to select one contestant and submit four (4) three-hole punched copies of the student’s Contestant Package, and the Club’s entry fee to the District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Chair, Lion Mike Lueckenhoff (see the Mailing/Delivery Address in the enclosed District 2-E2 Contest Rules). Contestant Packages that are mailed must be postmarked by **December 23, 2023**, or the package must be delivered to the District Outstanding Youth Coordinator by **December 30, 2023**. **Applications/packages received incomplete or after December 30, 2023, are disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
6. Each sponsoring Club must have one of its members accompany their contestant to the District 2-E2 contest and pay for the contestant’s lunch.
7. The sponsoring club may pay for lunch for accompanying family members as it so chooses.

State Contest

1. The District 2-E2 first place winner advances to represent the District at the State competition, which will be held **online on Saturday, May 4, 2024**, with an orientation on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**.
2. The Lions District 2-E2 runner-up will represent the District at the State contest if the first-place winner is unable to do so and is approved by the Lions MD-2 (Multi-District 2) Contest Chairman.
3. The contestant must satisfy all State-level entry requirements found at <https://texaslions.org/outstanding-youth-award/>.
4. The entry fee required for the State Contest will be paid by District 2-E2.



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CLUB RESPONSIBILITY CHECK LIST



OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST ENTRY PACKAGE CHECKLIST:

1. Four (4) copies of the signed contestant application FORM (typed, not handwritten). Form is to be signed by the Contestant and a Parent/Guardian.
2. Four (4) high quality wallet/passport size photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.
3. Four (4) typed double spaced copies of the essay.
4. Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience.
5. Four (4) copies of the three (3) letters of recommendation.
6. One (1) certified official high school transcript, plus three (3) copies.

Entry Fee Check for \$125.00 for the participant made payable to District 2-E2.

Contestant Name: _____

Contest Entered: **OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST**

Sponsoring Club: _____ District **2-E2**

Club Contact: _____

Email: _____ Contact phone: _____

Chaperone Name: _____ Contact phone: _____

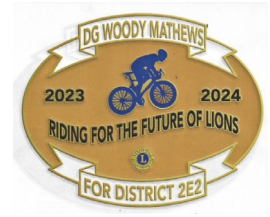
Date Mailed: _____ Date Received: _____

The deadline to postmark all Contest Packages is December 23, 2023, or the Package may be delivered to the District Outstanding Youth Coordinator, Lion Mike Lueckenhoff, by December 30, 2023. Applications/packages received incomplete or after December 30th are disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

This form is mandatory and must be included with the contestant's Contest Package.



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DISTRICT 2-E2 CONTEST RULES



BACKGROUND: The Lions District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Contest for 2023-2024 will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024. This contest is an annual competition allowing high school juniors and seniors to apply for the Texas Lions Outstanding Youth Scholarship Award (OYA), with district winners progressing to the State competition. Contestants are evaluated on their 750 to 1,000 word essay, high school grade point average, personal biographical information statement, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation, three letters of recommendation, and a personal interview.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

1. **To Sponsoring Lions Club: December 1, 2023**
2. **To District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Chair: Postmarked NO LATER THAN December 23, 2023; Delivered NO LATER THAN December 30, 2023.**

MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESS: Lion Mike Lueckenhoff
6707 Meade Drive
Colleyville, TX, 76034

ELIGIBILITY: Juniors and Seniors

ACTUAL IN-PERSON CONTEST (Interview):

WHEN: Saturday, January 20, 2024, Report No Later than 8:30 am.
The contest ends after lunch, at approximately 1:30 pm.

WHERE: Irma Marsh Middle School, 415 Hagg Drive, River Oaks, TX 76114

WHAT: Live Interview with Judges / Lunch / Winners Announced

WINNERS: **1st PLACE** – \$2,000 Scholarship*
2nd PLACE (First Alternate) – \$1,000 Scholarship**

*Advances to State Competition – competing for additional scholarships up to \$3,000.

**First Alternate may advance to State Competition if Winner cannot attend and alternate approved by the MD-2 {State} Contest Chairman.



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REQUIREMENTS:

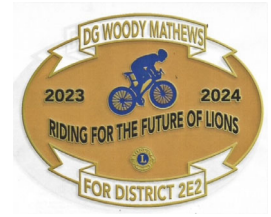
- Contact a local Lions Club for sponsorship. Contact Lion Mike Lueckenhoff at (817) 233-7403 or clcmueckenhoff@gmail.com for assistance, if needed.
- Complete contestant application FORM (typed, not handwritten) that can be found on the District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Contest website - [Outstanding Youth Contest | LIONS DISTRICT 2E2 \(lions2e2.org\)](https://lions2e2.org). 4 typed and signed copies.
- Complete 750-1,000 word essay on "Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue" - typed - double-spaced. Word count shown on last page. Four (4) copies.
- One (1) certified high school transcript, plus three (3) copies.
- Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement highlighting community service and leadership experience/participation experience.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation and three (3) copies of all recommendation letters.
- Four (4) high-quality wallet/passport photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.
- Personal interview on January 20, 2024.
- Meet deadlines and complete application package requirements.

CRITERIA:

- 750 - 1,000 word essay on "**Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue**". In this essay, the contestant should reflect on different environmental issues, what's causing these issues, and what solution(s) are the experts recommending limiting the negative outcomes of climate change. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length. Fifteen percent (15%). **Fifteen percent (15%)**.
- Grade point average from certified high school official transcript. **Five percent (5%)**.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation. **Fifteen percent (15%)**.
- Biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience. **Thirty-Five percent (35%)**.
- Personal Interview-the personal interview may include matters on current local, state, national or worldwide events. Will be conducted in the English language. **Thirty percent (30%)**.



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ADVANCING TO STATE COMPETITION:

- The District 2-E2 Winner will advance to the State competition which will be held online on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, with an orientation on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**. Contestants must be able to participate in the Orientation and the Contest using online live audio and video communication tools. Zoom video conferencing app will be used for the contest.
- The District 2-E2 Runner Up may advance to State Competition, if the Winner cannot attend and is approved by the MD-2 (State) Contest Chairman.
- Scholarships of \$3,000 (1st Place), \$2,000 (2nd Place) and \$1,000 (3rd Place) will be awarded for winners at the State contest.
- Winner (or Runner Up, if Winner cannot compete at State level and the Runner Up is approved) must satisfy all State-level entry requirements found at <https://texaslions.org/outstanding-youth-award/>..

Please see the complete 2023-2024 online Contest Rules on the Texas Lions website [2024 Outstanding Youth Contest Rules](#).

Contact Lion Mike Lueckenhoff, the 2023-2024 Outstanding Youth Chair, at (817) 233-7403 or clcmueckenhoff@gmail.com for assistance or any questions.