



Lions International Essay Contest

for the **Visually Impaired** ages 11, 12 or 13

2020-2021



Peace Through Service

MD2 Texas Lions

Lions International Essay Contest has created to give an opportunity for **visually impaired** young people, ages 11, 12 or 13 to express their feelings of peace and what peace means to them, ultimately shared with others around the world. The contest theme for 2020-21 is "**Peace Through Service**". **MD2 Lions** urges all Lions Clubs to work with local Schools or Youth organizations and area families to identify **visually impaired** young people interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. **Essays must be no longer than 500 words, in English, typed in black and double-spaced** and should be accompanied with the completed Essay Contest Entry Form. The essays will be judged after careful deliberation of ability to convey this year's theme "**Peace Through Service**". Local Lions Clubs submit their winning Essay to their District Chairman/Governor who in turn selects one winning essay to submit to the MD2 Texas Lions Essay (Peace) Contest Chairman. MD2 will then chooses one Essay to send to Lions Clubs International HQ for the final judging by a panel of judges to select one International Grand Prize Winner. **There is no entry fee at this time.**

Awards to the winning essay writer: MD2 Texas winner will receive a **\$500 Cash award**. The International Grand Prize Winner will receive an award and **\$5000** from Lions Clubs International and a trip to the United Nations Lions Day to read their essay to the delegates.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2007 through November 15, 2009. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Peace Through Service"

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINES

November 15 Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the District Chairman or District Governor.

December 1 Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the Multiple District Chairman or Multiple District Council Chairperson.

December 15 Postmark deadline for a Multiple District to send one winning essay to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

February 1 International Grand Prize winner will be notified on or before this date.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays cannot be published without written permission from Lions Clubs International. However, sponsoring clubs, districts and multiple districts have permission to publish their sponsored essays.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Lions International Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names, photographs and essays for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly. All information and signatures are required.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Winner's Name _____

Essay Title _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____ Check One: Male _____ Female _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____ Grade _____

Home Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Student's Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

2. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President Name . _____

Cell (or Home) Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Club President Signature _____

3. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor _____

Cell (or Home) Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

District Governor Signature _____

4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Cell (or Home) Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Council Chairperson Signature _____