



DISTRICT 2-X3
“Opportunities for Youth”
OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD
Contest Rules 2009-2010

Each contestant must be a full time student in a Texas high school or comparable education program, must be a Junior or Senior class member at the time of the District 2-X3 Lions Mid-Winter Conference on **January 23, 2009**, and be sponsored by a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club in District 2-X3. The First Place Winner of the contest will then advance to the State-level competition being held at the MD-2 Lions State Convention on **May 13-15, 2010**, in **El Paso, Texas**.

Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.

Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at a time appointed by the District 2-X3 Mid-Winter Conference Committee.

Competition evaluation shall include high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service and leadership participation and a personal interview (attire should be suitable for a professional job interview).

The maximum points to be used for judging contestants shall be:

- Grade Point Average – **20**
- Personal Biography Information Statement – **5**
- Three Letters of Recommendation – **15**
- Community Service/Leadership – **30**
- Personal Interview – **30**

A rank-score rubric will be applied to determine the winner.

The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to enter after an interview has begun, and no one will leave until after the judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants will be allowed to visit the presentation area, test the microphone and ask questions about contest facilities and procedures.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Coordinator.

The audience should be informed, before the first contestant enters the room, to refrain from talking during the interviews, to turn off cell phones and pagers and to not applaud at the end of the interview.

Contestants will then take their seats in the assigned area and remain to hear following interviews.

When all interviews have been conducted, contestants, in the order of their presentation, will stand one at a time and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels and sponsoring Lions Clubs. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all contestants. Persons involved in the conduct of the contest, parents, chaperones and guests of the contestants will then be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the District 2-X3 Lions **Youth Awards Luncheon** at noon. The winner will receive **\$300.00** and the runner-up will receive **\$150.00**

All contestants must agree to be available, on request, to participate in District 2-X3 Lions events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following year's contest.

The entry fee of \$100.00 (which is paid by the Lions Club that sponsors the contestant) must be submitted with the Contest Application, two photographs (head and shoulders close-up), biographical information, certified high school transcript and three (3) Letters of Recommendation. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures before sending the application to the District Chairman no later than the **December 18, 2009** deadline.

All contestants should be accompanied by a chaperone from the sponsoring Lions Club to the Mid-Winter Conference. Each club must register and pay in advance for each Contestant and Chaperone to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Direct all questions and send applications with required information and entry fee to:

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Note: District Competitions will be held on January 23, 2010, during the Mid-Winter Conference in Crockett, Texas.