



**DISTRICT 2-X3**  
**"Opportunities for Youth"**  
**DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH**  
**Contestant Rules**

"HOW DRUGS AND DRIVING DON'T MIX"

The presentation should analyze the problem and present a solution. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the library. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable lead way in proposing the plan. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title and date published (year if known). Innovative, practical and reasonable ideas are welcomed.

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 19, 2008 in Palestine, Texas**, and be sponsored by a Lions, Lioness, or Leo Club in District 2-X3. The first place winner of contest will then advance to the state level competitions being held at the MD-2 Lions State Convention on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas at the Ambassador Hotel.

The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District or State contests. Contestants will be required to use either the stationary or hand held mike for presentation. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants' score. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the monitor will adjust the time accordingly.

The area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to neither enter during a speech nor leave until judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants will be allowed to visit the presentation area, test 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.

Contestants will not give any self-introduction but give the title of their speech and then deliver the speech. The audience should be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech.

Contestants will then take their seat in the assigned area and remain to hear following speeches.

When all speeches have been presented, contestants in the order of their presentation, will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels, and their LIONS Club sponsor. 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 Youth Luncheon at noon. The winner will present his/her speech at that time. The winner will receive **\$300.00** and the runner-up will receive **\$150.00**.

All contestants must agreed to be available on request to participate in District 2-X3 events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following years contest.

The entry fee of \$100.00 (which is paid by the club who is sponsoring the contestant) must be submitted with the Contest Application, Two Photographs (head and shoulders close-up), and Biographical Information. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents are completed, have all the required signatures, and then send to the District Chair, no later than **January 1, 2008** deadline.

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

Direct all questions and send applications with required information to:

**DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH**

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**Note: District 2-X3 Competitions will be held in Palestine, Texas on January 19, 2008.  
Contest location to be announced at a later date.**