

District 2-S4 2009-2010
“**OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD**”
Contestant Rules

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 or graduate at the time of the 3rd Cabinet Meeting held January 23, 2010, in Missouri City and be sponsored by a Lion/Lioness/Leo Club in District 2-S4. The winner of this District contest is eligible to be entered in the State contest.

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:

- a) Grade point average = 20 points
- b) Personal biography information statement = 5 points
- c) Three letters of recommendation (total) = 15 points
- d) Personal interview = 30 points

The judges' total scores are to be combined to reach a grand total score.

The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to either enter during an essay, or leave until judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants shall remain outside the contest room in a designated waiting area until invited to enter by the Contest Coordinator.

Before the contestants enter the contest room, the audience will be instructed not to talk during the interview, turn off all cell phones and not to applaud after each interview.

Upon entering the contest room, contestants shall state only their names and the interview shall proceed.

Following the contest, contestants will take their seat in the assigned area and remain to hear following interviews.

When all interviews have been conducted, contestants in the order of their presentations will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels, and their Lions club sponsors. At the end of the process, the audience may then collectively applaud all contestants.

Persons involved in the conduct of the contests, as well as parents and guests of the contestants may be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions Youth Luncheon at noon. The winner will present his/her essay at that time. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. To collect your scholarship winnings, you must send a receipt from the college, junior college or vocational school as proof of registration or a request for payment form the registrar. Send request of payment to: Lions 2-S4 Treasurer—Lion Rick Johnson at: 520 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414. You may reach him by phone at: (979) 245-1139 if you have any questions.

The scholarship money will then be sent directly to the school. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

All applicant forms must be received by January 1, 2010. Direct all questions and send applications with required information to: Lion Jill Hudson-Kerr, P.O. Box 768, Fulshear, TX 77441. You may reach her at 281-346-2702.