



**District 2-T2 Lions  
Opportunities for Youth  
"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"  
Contest Rules**

***"Illegal and Illicit Drugs – Legalized – Really?."***

1. Speech Subject
  - a. The Subject of the speech shall be, ***"Illegal and Illicit Drugs – Legalized – Really?."*** If you have been following the headlines lately, the idea has been presented that the legalization of illegal and illicit drugs could be a possible solution to federal and state budget issues. Fees, income taxes and sales/use taxes would be additional income streams and the reduction of associated law enforcement costs would be a reduction of expenditures. Also, in the past, the argument has been used that legalization would allow for better regulation of the substances, thereby making them "safer" for users.
2. Contest Rules
  - a. The Title of the Contestant's speech is not required to be the same as the Subject for the speech. Contestants should be creative in the selection of a speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
  - b. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
  - c. 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 internet and library.
  - d. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
  - e. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
  - f. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
  - g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
    - i. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes.
    - ii. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants' score.
    - iii. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified.
    - iv. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the contest monitor will adjust the time accordingly.
  - h. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District contests.
  - i. All District 2-T2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.

- j. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
  - k. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
  - l. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
  - m. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time.
    - i. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
  - n. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state the title of their speech and then deliver the speech.
  - o. Following the Contestant's speech he/she will take a seat in the area assigned for the Contestants and remain in the contest area until the final speech is presented, judges have completed scoring the contest and introductions have been completed.
    - i. The Contest Official may allow an exemption of this requirement for medical reasons/emergencies, restroom breaks or for other reasons deemed acceptable by the Contest Official.
    - ii. Request may be made between Contestant presentations only.
  - p. No one will be allowed to either enter the contest area during an essay, or leave once they have entered, until all of the Contestants have presented their speeches and the Judges have finished scoring the Contestant.
  - q. The winners will be announced following the contest.
  - r. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will be asked to present his/her speech at the District 2-T2 Annual convention in Plainview.
3. Awards
- a. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
  - c. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
    - i. Contestant must send a request for payment from the registrar of a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
    - ii. Send request for payment to:
 

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  - d. If a request for payment from an institute of higher education is received from the school, the scholarship money will be made payable directly to the school.
  - e. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants
  - a. Contestants must submit a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), and associated documents for each, to the District 2-T2 Contest Chairperson prior to the entry deadline. See paragraph 6.
  - b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
  - c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas,
  - d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the District 2-T2 contest.
  - e. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the District 2-T2 contest.
5. Responsibilities of Contestants
  - a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Contest Coordinator, contact information in paragraph 7.
    - i. **District 2-T2 Contest Application,**
    - ii. **Two wallet-sized color Photographs** (head and shoulders close-up),
    - iii. **Personal Biographical Information.**
    - iv. **A Printed Copy of the Speech** to be received within two weeks of the District 2-T2 Contest. Failure to supply the printed copy of the speech will result in a forfeiture of any awards earned in the contest.
      1. The printed copy of the speech will not be used for judging purposes, but shall be used for publication and contest promotion purposes.
  - b. The contestant must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are sent to the District 2-T2 Contest Chairperson, post-marked no later than the March 19, 2010 deadline. See paragraph 6.
  - c. Attend the District 2-T2 Contest on March 27, 2010 in Lubbock, Texas. The contest will be held at 8:30 a.m. at PYCO Industries, Inc. main office, 2901 Avenue A.
  - d. All contestants must agree to be available, upon request to participate in District 2-T2 Lions events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following years contests.
6. Contest Winner Responsibilities
  - a. To receive their full awards, District 2-T2 contest winners will be required to compete in their respective MD-2 State Opportunities for Youth contests.
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners awards will be reduced by ½, currently the award will be reduced from \$1000 to \$500.

7. Contest Coordinator Contact Information

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