

District 2-S4 2009-2010 Drug Awareness Speech Contest Rules

Oration Topic: **“ILLEGAL AND ILLICIT DRUGS—LEGALIZED—REALLY?”**

If you have been following the headlines lately, the idea has been presented that 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.

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 contest and be sponsored by a Lions Club in District 2-S4. The winner in the District contest will be entered in the MD-2 Contest.

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 a stationary or hand held microphone for presentation. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 ½) minutes. At seven (7) minutes the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from the contestant's score. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the monitor will adjust the time accordingly.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until their turn. Contestants will not give any self-introduction, but give the title of their speech and then deliver the speech. The audience will not applaud at the end of each speech. Contestants may remain to hear the following speeches.

After all speeches have been delivered, the contestants will assemble at the lectern in order of their presentations, and will give their name, age, school, grade and sponsoring club. All persons connected with the contests will be introduced, including judges, monitors, VIPs, etc.

The District 2-S4 contest will take place at the third cabinet meeting in Missouri City on January 23, 2010. All contestants and the winner will be introduced after the luncheon. The winner will then present his/her speech to the District cabinet Lions in attendance.

District 2-S4 scholarship to 1st place winner: \$1,000.00

DEADLINE: January 1, 2010 all district applications, student photo and hard copy of the student essay must be received by the Drug Awareness chairperson.

Sponsoring club of the district winner will be responsible for transportation to the State Convention in Lubbock, Texas for the winner and his or her chaperone. Other expenses are paid by District 2-S4 and MD2.

Send your application for the district contest with photos attached to
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