

**Lions Club International**

**District 2-E2**

**2025-2026 Outstanding  
Youth Contest**



**Contestant Package**

**Contestant Package Includes:**

**(1) Information for Contestants**

**(2) District 2-E2 Contest Rules**

**(3) 2025-26-2E2 Outstanding Youth-Contest-Application-Form**



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## INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS

### A. Contest Purpose

Identify, recognize, and reward the High School (HS) Junior or Senior student, or immediate graduate, who, above others, has excelled in academics, leadership, and community service.

### B. Who is Eligible to Enter?

- (1) Full time student in a Texas High School or comparable education program and,
- (2) High School Junior or Senior, or immediate graduate at the time of the District contest

### C. Become A Contestant

- (1) Complete a **Contest Application** form. This form is included with this Contestant Package and is also available on the District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Contest website - [Outstanding Youth Contest | LIONS DISTRICT 2E2 \(lions2e2.org\)](https://lions2e2.org). **This form must be type written** – no handwritten applications will be accepted)
- (2) Prepare a contest entry package containing the following:
  - a. Four (4) copies of the typed State Contest Application, each signed by the contestant and a parent/guardian.
  - b. One (1) certified high school transcript (in a sealed school envelope), plus four (4) copies.
  - c. Four (4) typed copies of a biographical information statement highlighting community service and leadership experience/participation experience.
  - d. Three (3) letters of recommendation and three (3) copies of all three recommendation letters.
  - e. Four (4) high-quality wallet/passport photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.
  - f. Four (4) typed double spaced copies of your 750 to 1000 word essay with word count on last page of essay.

**Essay: *Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Its Impact on Education***

(750-1000 words) AI is no longer confined to the realm of science. It is increasing integration in various sectors, including education. In this essay, contestants are asked to discuss/focus on AI in education. Examine the potential of AI in personalized learning; make sure to address the educational inequalities. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.



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**INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS**

Submit Four (4) copies of the contest entry package directly to the local sponsoring Lions Club by **December 5, 2025**.

**D. Become a Lions Club-Sponsored Contestant to the District 2-E2 Contest**

Submit contest entry package to a participating local Lions Club. That Club will select/sponsor one contestant to participate in the District 2-E2 contest. If you need assistance in obtaining a club to sponsor an applicant, please contact the District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Chair noted at the bottom of this document.

**E. District 2-E2 Contest (Interview) Saturday, January 17, 2026 – Irma Marsh Middle School, 415 Hagg Drive, River Oaks, TX 76114.**

- (1) Check in with the Outstanding Youth Coordinator **No Later than 8:30 am**. At least one parent/guardian should accompany the contestant.
- (2) Each contestant will participate in an informal interview of about 15 minutes before 3 judges.
- (3) Attire should be suitable for church or a job interview.
- (4) The order of interviews will be by a draw.
- (5) Contestants remain in a separate waiting area until invited to enter the interview room.
- (6) Contestants simply state their name only to begin the interview.
- (7) Contestants will return to the waiting room after their interview.
- (8) All contestants will be presented at the day's luncheon, at which time winners will be announced. Lunch for contestants and parents/guardians are free of charge.
- (9) Two (2) scholarships will be awarded:  
Winner: \$2,000 (sponsored by District 2-E2)  
Runner Up: \$1,000 (sponsored by 2-E2 Eyeglass Recycling Center)

**F. Judging Criteria**

- (1) In this essay contestants are asked to discuss the major benefits and drawbacks of adopting AI, both in everyday life and in business. Also, discuss how it has affected you, especially as it pertains to social media. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length. Essay (**15%**).
- (2) Grade Point Average (**5%**).
- (3) Letters of Recommendation (**15%**).
- (4) Biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/ participation information (**35%**).
- (5) Personal Interview (**30%**).

**G. To Collect Scholarship Winnings**



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- (1) Have the registrar of the college, junior college, or vocational school send verification of registration and associated account number (including the student's full name) to the Lions District 2-E2 Treasurer, Don Noblit, at the following address: P.O. Box 820895, North Richland Hills, TX 76182.
- (2) Upon receipt of the above, a check will be mailed to the school.
- (3) Request for payment must be received no later than 2 years following the recipient's graduation from high school.

**H. State Outstanding Youth Contest**

- (1) The Lions District 2-E2 first place winner advances to represent the District at the State competition, which will be held **online on Saturday, May 16, 2026**. The first-place winner must also attend an online orientation to be held **Saturday, May 9, 2026**.
- (2) The Lions District 2-E2 runner-up will represent the District at the State contest if the first-place winner is unable to do so and is approved by the Lions MD-2 (Multi-District 2) Contest Chairman.
- (3) The contestant must comply with all contest rules found at <https://texaslions.org/outstanding-youth-award/>.

**I. Questions/Lions Club Sponsorship**

Please feel free to contact the District Outstanding Youth Contest Coordinator, Lion Larry Williams, via text at (817) 370-7535 or [williamsle69@proton.me](mailto:williamsle69@proton.me) for any questions you may have, or if you need assistance in obtaining a Lions Club to sponsor you for the competition.

**Contestants should also review the District 2-E2 Contest Rules included as part of the Contestant Package.**

Best of Luck to you in this competition and in the future!

Larry Williams

District 2-E2 Outstanding  
Youth Contest Coordinator

**Contact Information:**

Lion Larry Williams  
701 NW Tarrant Ave.  
Burleson, TX 76028

Cell: (817) 370-7535  
[williamsle69@proton.me](mailto:williamsle69@proton.me)



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**DISTRICT 2-E2 CONTEST RULES**



**BACKGROUND:** The Lions District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Contest for 2024-2025 will be held on **Saturday, January 17, 2026**. This contest is an annual competition allowing high school juniors and seniors to apply for the Texas Lions Outstanding Youth Scholarship Award (OYA), with district winners progressing to the State competition. Contestants are evaluated on their 750-to-1,000-word essay, high school grade point average, personal biographical information statement, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation, three letters of recommendation, and a personal interview.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

1. **To Sponsoring Lions Club: December 5, 2025**
2. **To District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Chair: Postmarked **NO LATER THAN December 19, 2025**; Delivered **NO LATER THAN December 26, 2025**.**

**MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESS:** Larry Williams  
701 NW Tarrant Ave  
Burleson, TX 76028

**ELIGIBILITY:** High School Juniors and Seniors

**ACTUAL IN-PERSON CONTEST (Interview):**

**WHEN:** **Saturday, January 17, 2026**, Report No Later than 8:30 am.  
The contest ends after lunch, at approximately 1:30 pm.

**WHERE:** Irma Marsh Middle School, 415 Hagg Drive, River Oaks, TX 76114

**WHAT:** Live Interview with Judges / Lunch / Winners Announced

**WINNERS:** **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE** – \$2,000 Scholarship\*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE** – \$1,000 Scholarship\*\* (First Alternate)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE** – \$500 Scholarship

\*Advances to State Competition – competing for additional scholarships up to \$3,000.

\*\*First Alternate may advance to State Competition if Winner cannot attend, and alternate is approved by the MD-2 (State) Contest Chairman.



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### REQUIREMENTS:

- Contact a local Lions Club for sponsorship. Contact Lion Larry Williams at (817) 370-7535 or [williamsle69@proton.me](mailto:williamsle69@proton.me) for assistance, if needed.
- Complete contestant application FORM (typed, not handwritten) that can be found on the District 2-E2 Outstanding Youth Contest website - [Outstanding Youth Contest | LIONS DISTRICT 2E2 \(lions2e2.org\)](https://lions2e2.org). 4 typed and signed copies are required.
- Complete 750-1,000-word essay on **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Its Impact on Education** - typed - double-spaced. Word count shown on last page. Four (4) copies are required.
- One (1) original, certified high school transcript (in a sealed school envelope), plus four (4) copies.
- Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement highlighting community service and leadership experience/participation experience.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation and three (3) copies of all recommendation letters.
- Four (4) high-quality wallet/passport photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.
- Personal interview on **January 17, 2026**.
- Meet deadlines and complete application package requirements.

### CRITERIA:

- 750 - 1,000-word essay on **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Its Impact on Education**. AI is no longer confined to the realm of science. It is increasing integration in various sectors, including education. In this essay, contestants are asked to discuss/focus on AI in education. Examine the potential of AI in personalized learning; make sure to address the educational inequalities. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length. **Fifteen percent (15%)**.
- Grade point average from certified high school official transcript. **Five percent (5%)**.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation. **Fifteen percent (15%)**.
- Biographical information statement, highlighting community service and leadership experience/participation experience. **Thirty-Five percent (35%)**.
- Personal Interview-the personal interview may include matters on current local, state, national or worldwide events. Will be conducted in the English language. **Thirty percent (30%)**.



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**ADVANCING TO STATE COMPETITION:**

- The District 2-E2 Winner will advance to the State competition which will be held online on **Saturday, May 16, 2026**, with an orientation on **Saturday, May 9, 2026**. Contestants must be able to participate in the Orientation and the Contest using online live audio and video communication tools. Zoom video conferencing app will be used for the contest.
- The District 2-E2 Runner Up may advance to State Competition, if the Winner cannot attend and is approved by the MD-2 (State) Contest Chairman.
- Scholarships of \$3,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Place), \$2,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and \$1,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) will be awarded for winners at the State contest.
- Winner (or Runner Up, if Winner cannot compete at State level and the Runner Up is approved) must satisfy all State-level entry requirements found at <https://texaslions.org/outstanding-youth-award/>.

Please see the complete 2025-2026 online Contest Rules on the Texas Lions website [2025-2026 Outstanding Youth Contest Rules](#).

Contact Lion Larry Williams, the 2025-2026 Outstanding Youth Chair, at (817) 370-7535 or [williamsle69@proton.me](mailto:williamsle69@proton.me) for assistance or any questions.



# Texas Lions – Opportunities for Youth Contestant Application



Check the contest for which this application is being submitted.

It is mandatory to complete the application online and to copy it: **no handwritten applications will be accepted.**

- Diabetes Awareness Essay  
  Drug Awareness Speech  
  Outstanding Youth

Contestant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Classification:  Junior  Senior Expected Year of Higher Education Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/College You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District Contest (DC) Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ DC Coordinator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DC Coordinator Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We certify the statements in this application are correct. We have reviewed a copy of the Policies and Rules for the Contest and promise to comply with them. We consent that all materials, creations, concepts, likeness, designs, posters, ideas, and intellectual rights and property used mentioned, spoken, and written for, or in connection with, this contest are the property of the Texas Lions MD-2 and may be published and used for any purpose selected by the Texas Lions MD-2 Council of Governors. A Chaperone approved by the District (a parent, guardian or Lion) shall accompany the Contestant during their stay at the event where the contest will be judged. We understand that the contestants are to be available, on request, to participate in MD-2 events and activities for the period of one year after the contest.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

District Governor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

### District Responsibility Check List

- Entry Fee Check for \$250.00 for each participant made payable to Texas Lions State Convention Fund.
- Two (2) high quality wallet/passport size photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head-and- shoulders, glossy and in color. Photos not meeting this requirement will not be included in contest souvenir booklet.
- Completed and Signed contestant code of conduct, chaperone guidelines and medical power of attorney.
- **Diabetes Awareness Essay: Four (4) copies** of Contestant Application, four (4) typed double spaced copies of essay.
- **Drug Awareness Speech: Four (4) copies** of Contestant Application, four (4) typed double spaced copies of speech.
- **Outstanding Youth: Four (4) copies** of Contestant Application, four (4) typed double spaced copies of essay; four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience; four (4) copies of the three (3) letters of recommendation; one (1) certified high school transcript plus three (3) copies.

Attach application to all required documents, including entry fee check and mail to respective State Contest Coordinator. The deadline to postmark all applications will be **Monday, April 20, 2026**, for all Districts.