



Lions District 2S-4
Outstanding Youth Contest
2023-2024 Contest Rules

“The Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue”

1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on a 750 to 1000 - word essay, their biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information, three letters of recommendation, their high school grade point average and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant:
 - i. Fifteen percent (15%) — 750-to-1000-word essay on the “Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue.” Climate change impacts are seen throughout every aspect of the world we live in. It’s interrelated to different sectors of society. Things that we depend upon and value such as water, energy, transportation, wildlife, agriculture, ecosystems and human health are experiencing the effects of a changing climate. Drought can harm food production and human health. Flooding can lead to spread of diseases. Human health issues can increase mortality. Climate change impacts differ between neighborhoods or individuals. So, what can we do about it and how should we cope with climate change? In this essay, the contestant should reflect on different environmental issues, what’s causing these issues and what solution/s are the experts recommend limiting the negative outcomes of climate change. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.
 - ii. Five percent (5%) — Grade point average from school transcript.
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) — Three letters of recommendation.
 - iv. Thirty-five percent (35%) — biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.

- v. Thirty percent (30%) — Personal interview. The personal interview may include matters on current local, state, national or worldwide events.
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All contests shall be conducted in the English language.
- e. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.

2. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will win a \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will win a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. The 3rd place winner will win a \$250.00 scholarship
- d. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant winner must complete the Scholarship Request Form along with proof of registration information from a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
 - ii. The information should be sent to the district treasurer along with any supplemental information needed by the institution (i.e. scholarship forms, etc).

Send request for payment to:

District 2S-4 Treasurer
Lion Terra Pruitt
tpruitt@2s4.org

- e. Payment will be made directly to the scholarship/financial aid office of the designated school.
- f. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

3. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures) and associated documents to the Contest Chairperson no later than 11:59pm on January 31, 2024. Application must be emailed to the contest chairperson:

Lion Robin Visbal
robinvisbal@gmail.com
- b. A false statement on the entry application, associated document or violation of contest rules, causes disqualification of the Contestant, with the entry fee being forfeited.
- 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 or senior at the time of the contest.