



SA Edgewood Lions Club



Opportunities for Youth Contests

The SA Edgewood Lions Club is hosting its second annual Academic Scholarship Festival on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

It will take place at the Burlison School for Innovation and Education, located at 534 Cordelia Street.

The Contests will begin at 9:00 AM

There are four different contests. They are open to any student attending any of the Edgewood ISD High Schools. Students may enter multiple contests. (As long as they submit a completed packet for each contest)

Each contest winner will be awarded \$1000.00 and the runner-up will be awarded \$500.00 per contest. The Winner will have the opportunity to advance to the next level to compete for more scholarship money.

The Four contests are:

- ✓ *Outstanding Youth Contest*
- ✓ *Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest*
- ✓ *Drug Awareness Speech Contest*
- ✓ *Young Women's Scholarship Pageant*

A common Application along with Rules packets for each contest are attached. You must submit a different application for each contest that you enter.

Deadline to submit all completed packets will be Monday, February 3, 2025

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Note: we will be checking for the use of A.I. in your speeches and essays



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"DIABETES AWARENESS ESSAY"
2024-2025 Contest Rules



“Diabetes Medication” and Treatment Advances”

1. Essay Subject

Diabetes has been around for a long time. It was mentioned in a medical text as far back as 1425. Diabetes has reached epic proportions and is an ongoing concern in the United States as well as around the world.

In this essay contestants are asked to explore the advances done in the treatment and the medications used over the past 25 years in the field of Diabetes. Talk about how diabetes was treated and the medications in use 25 years ago versus how it is treated today. How do you see the future of diabetes treatment in the next 10 to 15 years and foreseeable medical advancements.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The Title of the Contestant's essay is not required to be the same as the Subject for the essay. Contestants should be creative in the selection of an essay title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The essay should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. The topic is broad and allows the contestants considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- d. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcome.
- e. Each Contestant shall personally research, write and read his/her contest essay. Pre-recorded presentations are not allowed for online contests.
- f. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing physicians, nurses, medical professionals, family members, community organizations and by using the internet and library. The essay shall be a written article, to be read by the Contestant, to be judged by a panel of judges in competition with other Contestants.

- g. The essay shall not exceed 1500 words.
 - i. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives, and pronouns. Examples: "I," "a," "the," "and" and "an." Provide word count on last page of essay.
 - ii. The essay must include a bibliography of alphabetized sources used in its composition. Note: the bibliography is not included in the 1500-word count.
 - iii. Essay should be typed in double space format.
- h. The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays:
 - i. Sixty percent (60%) of the score shall be based on the authenticity, current information and an application of the assigned essay topic.
 - ii. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the score shall be based on the understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques, in the use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed and clarity.
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) of the score shall be based on grammar, spelling, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay topic.
- i. Two or more of the judges should be knowledgeable about the medical aspect of diabetes.
- j. One of the judges should be an educator knowledgeable about the English language, its grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation, and correct usage.
- k. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language.

3. 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. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant winner or runner-up 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 Club Treasurer along with any supplemental information needed by the institution (i.e., scholarship forms, etc.). Send request for payment to:

SA Edgewood Lions Club Treasurer
PCC Michael Rourke
3202 Lura Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78226
Phone: 210-436-7787
pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net

4. Payment will be made directly to the recipient.
5. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

6. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A school may sponsor any number Contestants in each contest by submitting a completed entry application containing all requested signatures and associated documents to the Contest Coordinator prior to the entry deadline.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, associated document, or violation of contest rules 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 or senior at the time of the contest.

7. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to his/her sponsoring Lions Club.
 - i. **Four (4) typed copies** of Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online; no handwritten applications will be accepted).
 - ii. **Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture)** that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color. No paper copies of photos will be accepted. Photos not meeting this requirement may not be able to be included in convention or contest souvenir booklet.
 - iii. **Four (4) Typed Copies of the Essay**, including Bibliography. **Essay changes are not permitted once received by the Contest Coordinator.**
- b. Winning contestants must agree to be available at the District Opportunities for Youth Contest **Orientation** will be held on **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, and the **Contest** will be held on **Saturday March 29, 2025**, at times set forth by District Contest Chair.
- c. Prior to orientation and the contest, contestants, parents, and Sponsoring Lions Club contacts will be provided with additional instructions by the District Contest Coordinator.
- d. **Online Contest.** Contestants must be able to participate in Orientation and the contest using online live audio and video communication tools. **Zoom** video conferencing will be used for the contest.

Contest Coordinator

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Opportunities for Youth Contests

Contestant Application



2024-2025

Check the contest(s) for which this application is being submitted.

Diabetes Awareness Essay Drug Awareness Speech Outstanding Youth Young Women's Pageant

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: _____

Sponsoring Lions Club: San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club

Club Contact: Lion Abel Martinez Contact Phone: 210-823-5681

Contact Email: amartinez430@yahoo.com

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 SA Edgewood Lions Club and may be published and used for any purpose selected by the SA Edgewood Lions Club . We understand that the contestants are to be available, on request, to participate in SA Edgewood Lions Club events and activities for the period of one year after the contest if possible.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit a separate application for each contest you enter

The deadline to send all applications will be Monday, February 3rd.

Responsibility Check List

Remember that you will, be interviewed, give a speech, or read an essay.

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○ **For the Drug Awareness Speech:**

- ✓ Contestant Application
- ✓ Four (4) typed copies of speech.
- ✓ One (1) copy of High School Transcript
- ✓ Resume

○ **For the Diabetes Awareness Essay:**

- ✓ Contestant Application
- ✓ Four (4) typed copies of Essay.
- ✓ One (1) copy of High School Transcript
- ✓ Resume

○ **For the Young Womens Scholarship Pageant:**

- ✓ Contestant Application
- ✓ One (1) copy of High School Transcript
- ✓ Resume

○ **For the Outstanding Youth:**

- ✓ Contestant Application,
- ✓ Four (4) typed double spaced copies of the essay
- ✓ Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement, (community service, leadership experience/participation experience)
- ✓ Four (4) copies each of the three (3) letters of recommendation
- ✓ One (1) Certified High School transcript plus three (3) other copies.
- ✓ Resume

Attach application and all required documents, and sent to the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club Contest Coordinator.

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9:00 AM

Burleson School for Innovation and Education

534 Cordelia Street

Winners in all four contest will be entered into the Lions District 2-A2 Opportunities for Youth Contests to be held in San Antonio, Texas in March where they may earn up to an additional \$1000.00 per Contest.