



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 **Burleson 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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"DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH"
2024-2025 Contest Rules



“Policies for Narcan use in Schools”

1. Speech Subject:

Drug overdose deaths in young people between the ages of 10 and 19 doubled between 2018 and 2021. Approximately 90% of those deaths involved opioids, with the most common being Fentanyl. Naloxone, known by the brand name “Narcan” is a medication that was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It is a nasal spray.

The State of Texas passed SB 629 that went into effect in January of 2023. It states that each school district shall adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus in the district that serves students in grades 6 through 12 and may opt and implement such a policy at each campus in the district, if it includes campuses serving students in a grade level below grade 6.

In this speech you are to research SB 629 and discuss whether it reaches far enough and whether it should include Charter and Private schools. Is it too vague and should it be standardized Statewide?

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 the 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 welcome.
 - g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length and be consistent with the written essay submitted for the contest.
 - 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 the contestant's 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 and cue cards may not be used at District or MD-2 State contests. Pre-recorded speeches are not allowed for online contest.
 - i. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language.

Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable of the subject.

- j. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the State OFY Chair.

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. 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
pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net**

3. Payment will be made directly to the recipient
4. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.
5. **Rules of Eligibility for Contestants:**
 - a. A school may sponsor any number of Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application containing all requested signatures and associated documents to the Contest Chairperson 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.

6. **Responsibilities of Contestants**

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to his or her sponsoring Lions Club.
 - i. **Four (4) typed copies** of State 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, must be on photo paper. Photos not meeting this requirement may not be able to be included in the convention or contest souvenir booklet.
 - iii. Four (4) Typed Copies of the Speech, including bibliography. **Changes to copy of speech are not permitted once received by State Contest Coordinator.**
- b. The winning contestant 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.
Prior to orientation and the contest, contestants, parents, and Sponsoring Lions Club contacts will be provided with additional instructions by the District Contest Coordinator.

- c. **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.

d. **Contest Coordinator**
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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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Saturday, February 15, 2025

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.