



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



**SA Edgewood Lions Club
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"OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST"**



2024-2025 Contest Rules

What are the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence, "A.I."

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%)** — 750-1000 word essay on: **What are the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence, "A.I."**

We have all heard the talk about AI, both the good and the bad. Regardless of what you think about the risks of using AI, it is here to stay. Businesses of all sizes have found great benefits from using AI, and consumers around the world use it in their daily lives. But even people who are excited about AI ask the question: **What are the real advantages and disadvantages of using it?**

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.

- ii. **Five percent (5%)** — Grade point average from school transcript.
- iii. **Fifteen percent (15%)** — Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- iv. **Thirty-five percent (35%)** — Biographical information statement and resume to include 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. Incomplete submissions will result in score deductions.
- d. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- e. All contests shall be conducted in the English language.
- f. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the Chair.
- g. 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. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant winner or runners-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 782226
pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net
210-436-7787**

- d. Payment will be made directly to the recipient.
- e. 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 school may may sponsor any number of contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents, and the entry fee to the Contest Chairperson prior to the entry deadline.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, associated document or violation of contest rules will cause 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.

4. Responsibilities of Contestant

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to his or her sponsoring Lions Club and/or District.
 - i. **Four (4) typed copies** of the State Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted).
 - ii. **Two (2)** high quality wallet/passport size 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 will not be included in contest souvenir booklet.
 - iii. **Four (4) typed double spaced copies** of your 750 to 1000 word essay with word count on last page of essay. Essay changes are not permitted once received by State Contest Coordinator.
 - iv. **Four (4) typed copies** of your biographical information statement and your resume' to include community service, leadership experience/participation experience.
 - v. **Four (4) copies** of the three (3) letters of recommendation.
 - vi. **One (1)** certified high school transcript, **plus three (3) copies**.
- b. The winning contestant must agree to be available at the District Opportunities for Youth Contest,

Orientation will be held **Saturday, March 22, 2025 and the Contest will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025**, at times set forth by the District Contest Chair.

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.

Prior to orientation and the contest, contestants, parents and sponsoring Lions Club contacts will be provided with instructions for the online contest.

5. Contest Coordinator Contact Information

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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.