

## **Oklahoma Lions Multiple District 3 Youth Speech Competition Information Handbook for Contestants**

The Lions of Oklahoma encourages young people who may be Lions in the future to spread knowledge of Lionism and inspiration to service through this speech competition. You are a leader of the future and we are excited to give you this opportunity to display that leadership in public speaking, as well as encouraging self-expression and independent thinking. The 4,000 Lions and Leos in Oklahoma thank you for your participation and wish you the best in your visionary journey!

### **Local Lions Club Sponsorship**

Your local Lions Club agrees to give the fullest cooperation in providing participation at the local, district and state levels of competition, including approved expenses of the contestant.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The contest is open to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, including international exchange students, of any accredited high school, and home-schooled students of these same grade levels. Last year's District winner is not eligible.

### **TOPIC**

Lions International President has said, "The future is ours and it starts today; we sail beyond the horizon." Where do you see the future of Lionism and yourself in the next 10 years? How will you help make this vision a reality?

### **TIMING**

The speech shall last no less than five (5) minutes and no more than seven (7) minutes. A manuscript and prompter may be used at the Club contest. At the District and State levels only one (1) 3x5 index card may be used (both sides).

Once a speaker leaves the podium and returns to his or her seat, that contestant is finished. If a contestant leaves the podium but returns without taking a seat, the speaking time continues to run.

### **JUDGING**

Speeches will be judged on effectiveness of delivery, enthusiasm and poise, as well as logic, cohesiveness, emotional impact, originality, depth of understanding, and adherence to topic.

### **MANUSCRIPT**

Each contestant must submit an unsigned, unidentified manuscript of the speech. Any quoted material in the speech must be referenced by source. A member of the school faculty or the

sponsoring club must approve the transcript. The manuscript may be amended – but not rewritten – between the Club contest and the District contest. After the District contest, the speech is “frozen” for the State level.

## DEPARTMENT

Contestants must remain in the room during the competition and remain for all competitors’ speeches.

No pictures or videos may be taken during the competition; it may distract the speaker. Photos or videos taken after the speeches may not be distributed in any form until after the District contest is completed.

## DISQUALIFICATION

Failure to comply with the general instructions are grounds for disqualification. Other grounds for disqualification are: (1) Use of any props or display. (2) Wearing a uniform or any form of identification. (3) Failing to complete the speech. (4) Publication of the speech in any media prior to any contest.

Any protest about the conduct of a contestant that may result in disqualification must be made to the contest chairman before the winner of that contest is announced. The District Governor or designated contest chairman will make the decision concerning conduct and protests. Those decisions are final.

## AWARDS

The winner of the contest will receive a monetary award at the State Contest and at the District Contest. Local contest awards are at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

State Contest will be May 4, 2019, in Oklahoma City.

District Contest will be March 2, 2019, in Ada.

## **MD 3 Speech Contests 2018-19**

Lions of Oklahoma encourages Lions and young people who may be Lions in the future to spread knowledge of Lionism and inspiration to service through our Adult and Youth Speech Contests.

### **YOUTH:**

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### **ADULT:**

Lions International President has said, "The future is ours and it starts today; we sail beyond the horizon." Where do you see the future of Lionism?

The deadline for completing Club Level Contest is extended to **January 31, 2019**.

Clubs are asked to sponsor their contestant's participation in the District 3 SW Contest, Saturday, **March 2**, in Ada. This includes transportation for contestant, teacher, and any family members, and cost of lunches.

When you have decided your club winner, please notify contest co-chairmen:

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