

## **LIONS ENCOURAGED TO SEEK DIABETES ESSAY CONTESTANTS**

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The Lions of Texas conduct a diabetes awareness essay contest each year that targets our high school students to extend their knowledge of diabetes and its consequences while learning good research and presentation techniques. To further the **"We Serve"** philosophy, scholarships are awarded to the winners.

The 2000-2001 diabetes awareness essay contest rules are as follows:

Contest essay title is:

**"GETTING A JUMP START ON DIABETES"**

The essay shall not exceed 1,500 words, including "a", "I", "the", "etc." in the word count. The total number of words should appear on the title page and all entries must include a bibliography.

Eligible contestants include any full-time high school students not more than 20 years of age who will not graduate before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001.

Each contestant must have researched their own essay and must personally read it before judges and other spectators at the contest. No contestant will give their name, address or Lions Club affiliation when reading their essay. A number will be assigned to each contestant for judging purposes.

The contestant must bring three (3) double-spaced typewritten (or word processed) copies of their essay in addition to the one copy to be read by the contestant. The contestant's name and address must appear on the title page of the essay.

Each essay will be judged as follows:

60% on the authenticity of the subject matter.

15% on grammar and structure

25% on personal presentation

Each District will have its own entry fees and Lions Clubs may have more than one entry. Districts will award 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards minimally and the district winners must attend the MD-2 Convention in San Antonio, May 25-26, 2001 and compete on the state level for additional scholarships.

Check with your District Chairman to determine when your district contest will be and

then work with your high school advisors to seek qualified contestants.