

California Lions 2009-2010

73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Student Speakers Contest

Universal Healthcare – How will it Affect Us?

Purpose of the Contest

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole;
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking;
- To present to the public through the student speakers contests the problems surrounding the maintenance of this commonwealth as a free nation;
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

Time Limitations

- Students entering the contest shall prepare TO BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO, BUT NOT OVER TEN MINUTES, NOR LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES DELIVERY TIME.

Entrants

- The contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students, grades 9-12, of any high school, charter school, private school, home school, or independent study.
- The presentation shall be given in the English language only. Phrases in a non-English language must be immediately followed by a direct English translation.
- Winners of the previous Multiple District Four final contests are not eligible. Eligible students shall be those of the above grades and under the age of twenty-one as of February 22, 2010.
- Contestants must have not completed grade 12 prior to the termination of the spring semester of the year and must be attending school when the competition is held.
- Only one winner shall be certified to the next succeeding contest: "Students should be reminded of their obligation to complete the contest and arrive to contests on time. Scheduling conflicts are the student's responsibility to resolve."

Awards

Paid by Lions checks:

Club Contest – The club shall present \$75 to the winner and \$25 to each finalist

Zone Contest – The district shall present \$100 to the winner

Region Contest – The district shall present \$150 to the winner

Paid by the Lions 4<sup>th</sup> District Student Speakers Foundation:

District Contest – The fifteen winners shall each receive a \$4,500 scholarship

Area Contest – The four winners shall each receive a \$6,500 scholarship

Final Contest – The winner of the Multiple District Four contest shall receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The scholarship awards are to any two or four year college or university or to any other school approved by the Lions 4<sup>th</sup> District Student Speakers Foundation.

Contest Dates

Each contest must be held separately and completed by the following dates regardless of the number of contestants competing. If only one student is a contestant at any contest level, the contest still needs to be conducted.

CLUB LEVEL.....on or before February 22, 2010

ZONE LEVEL.....on or before March 15, 2010

REGION LEVEL.....on or before April 12, 2010

DISTRICT LEVEL.....on or before May 3, 2010

(Note – 3<sup>rd</sup> week-end in April – competitions are held in CA for high schools, Speech and Debate.)

AREA CONTEST.....on or before May 24, 2010

MD-4 FINAL.....June 5, 2010 in Stockton, CA

### Speech Evaluation Standards

1. TEXT ALONE (thought content)  
Did the speaker present important ideas?
  - Originality 10 points
  - Did the speech adhere to the subject title? 10 points
  - Main Points supported by evidence 10 points
  - Conclusion was clearly presented 10 points
2. DELIVERY ALONE  
Did the speaker give a formal public speech?
  - Emphasis, voice control 10 points
  - Enunciation, pronunciation 10 points
  - Sincerity, enthusiasm, poised 10 points
3. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORT AS A WHOLE
  - Was the speech a well rounded, cohesive effort 10 points
  - Did it have logic and organization 10 points
  - Was the speaker persuasive 10 points

### Contest Rules

1. A late contestant shall not compete if arrival time is after the draw of the speaker order for that contest.
2. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking.
3. No smoking, food, beverages, or water during the contest, except intermissions.
4. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judge's worksheets have been collected.
5. Each speaker is allowed ten minutes, but no warning signals shall be given.
6. There will be a quiet three minutes intermission between and after speakers and after final speech is given to allow judges to complete scoring.
7. No photography, video or audio taping will be allowed during the contest.
8. All noise emitting electronic devices such as phones, beepers, etc. should be turned off until the contest is completed.
9. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the chairperson before the winner is announced.
10. The contest chairperson shall review and verify the teller's worksheet before announcing the results.

### The Following are causes for Disqualification:

1. Use or display of props of any nature.
2. Uniforms or any method of personal identification, including saying name and school.
3. Failure to give reference source of quoted material in manuscript submitted at area level.
4. Use of notes above club level in excess of one 3x5 card both sides, and the Braille equivalent.
5. Use of prompters.
6. Publication of speech, except for very brief quotations, in any media prior to completion of the final contest.
7. Acceptance of awards other than those approved by the council of governors of MD-4.
8. Participation in more than one Lions Club contest during the contest year.
9. Watches or electronic devices shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the contest.

*please consider entering your students in our speech contest, which will be held on February 9, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided, please R.S.V.P.) @ the James A Community Center, James, CA. For more information, please call me @ 619 871-9629. Thank you,*

*John R. Hood, James Lions Club*