

Together As One Essay Peace Contest

Your club can sponsor visually impaired students in the Lions International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2025. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2011 through November 15, 2014. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is “Together As One.”

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINES

November 15, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry and confirm the date of the district judging at that time.

December 1, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

December 1, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International (postmarked by December 1).

December 15, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

February 1, 2026 – Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

PROMOTE YOUR CONTEST WINNER

- Raise awareness of the Peace Essay Contest and celebrate your contest winner on your social channels. Download social media graphics and customizable templates, Peace

Contest Social Media Kits are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay. Tag your posts! #peaceessay

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Prepare a press release on your club's letterhead announcing the winner. Download the Peace Essay Winner Press Release template at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay.

View all criteria at

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