

**TO: YOUR COUNTY'S SCHOOLS/ORGANIZATIONS TEACHERS, COUNSELORS,
HOME SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.**

RE: Essay Contest Opportunity - Lions Club Youth Outreach Anti-Drug Awareness 2016

Dear Teachers and Educators,

The _____ Lions Club would like to invite your students to participate in our annual anti-drug essay contest. This year the theme is :

"THE MOUNTAINS WE CLIMB TO STAY DRUG FREE".

The goal of this contest is to encourage young people to develop personal convictions about the pitfalls of drug abuse. We hope to help them reflect thoughtfully on the negative impact drugs. Additionally it is an opportunity to write for an audience other than teachers and peers.

(Describe your club's interest in the essay contest and what local awards the winner will receive). Example \$50, speak at club meeting and media coverage.

The local winning essay will go to the Lions Club District 12-S Competition. District winners will be awarded , in February at the District Lions **Convention in Lebanon** the following amounts: \$500- 1st, \$250-2nd., \$100- 3rd.

ESSAY GUIDELINES:

****Ages are 11 years to 14 years only. No others accepted.**

- **Essays should not exceed 1500 words. No minimum is set.**
- **Essays must have completed cover sheet stapled to the front of the submission. No names on the essay itself.**
- **Neatly written essays will be accepted, but typed and double spaced are greatly preferred and appreciated. BLACK INK and a 12 pt. Font please.**
- **Content is more important than style or grammar in this contest, but clarity matters. Students are encouraged to carefully proofread their submissions.**
- **Essays must be received by (Please tell when , where, and how the student essays will be picked up).**

Thanks for all you do for our youth and community.

"THE MOUNTAINS WE CLIMB TO STAY DRUG FREE"

COVER SHEET

STUDENTS: PLEASE FILL OUT THE STUDENT INFORMATION AND **STAPLE** THIS SHEET TO THE FRONT OF YOUR ESSAY!!!

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION: _____

COUNTY: _____

GRADE: _____ **AGE:** _____

STUDENTS HOME TELEPHONE:() _____

SPONSOR'S(Teachers, guidance counselor, etc.):

SPONSOR'S Contact Information:

(phone and email please)

(The bottom portion is to be filled out by the sponsoring club)

SPONSORING LIONS CLUB INFORMATION:

12-S Lions Club name: _____

Essay Chairperson: _____

Contact information: Mail, phone and e-mail:

NOTE TO CHAIRPERSON: Keep a copy of your 1st. Place winner's essay and cover sheet for your own records. Send **ONLY** your club's 1st. Place winning entry on to district competition. THE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION. THANK YOU.

Lions Community Outreach Annual Anti-Drug Essay Contest 2016

Greetings Fellow Lions and Essay Chairpersons,

As another school year gets under way, so does our annual Lions Club District 12-S Anti-Drug Essay Contest. Included is an **updated copy of the cover sheet** that needs to be stapled to each of the essays submitted. You will need to make copies. Only essays that meet the requirements will be accepted. You will need to check and get all the info before sending to District Chairperson.

THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESSAY ARE 11 YEARS TO 14 YEARS OF AGE!!!! WE DO NOT GO BY GRADES OF SCHOOL SINCE ALL CAN VARY.

I need to receive your first place essay **Only** by **November 23, 2016**. The final judging should be completed by early January, and the **top three** winners will be invited to join us at the district convention in February to receive their awards.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you! I will check my e-mail daily. You may also call my home phone and leave a message. I will find the info if I don't know it.

I might encourage you to get this information out to your schools as soon as possible. Teachers will need time to plan it into their schedules. October is often dedicated to Drug Free Month by many schools.

Your efforts in making this year's contest a success will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for all you do to support this project along with all other Lion's Projects. Thank you for supporting our children and teachers! Maybe this can make a difference in a child's life.

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Attached is a sample letter to teachers. You will need to re type and send to your teachers with your info.