

Lions WriteOff



Zone and Region Chairs-

I am Lion Christy Trutnau from the Jordaness Lions. I am pleased to announce that I am the new WriteOff Chair for District 5M2; I am very excited to take on this new role and be part of the Lions Club on whole different level.

Some of this information will be old news to the veteran chairs, but those of you that are new to this job; I need your help in finishing the WriteOff Project. The WriteOff Project is a fully accredited part of 5M2's Youth Projects with the Liberty Day, Peace Poster and Leo Clubs. I hope you are already familiar with the project, but I will remind you of its main concepts. It consists of high school students writing essays and submitting them to the clubs for judging. The individual clubs in your Zone or Region choose a winning essay and submit that essay to your judging. The Zone Chair arranges for judging the essays in his/her Zone. Usually the Chair has a neutral party judge the essays, but the choice is yours. I would be happy to assist you in finding judges if you request it. Zone winners are then submitted to the Region Chair who repeats the judging process, and finally Region winners present their essays at the Midwinter Convention in Mankato.

Winners at the Zone level receive a \$50 award from the District while Region winners receive \$150. We handle this by having the Zone and Region Chairs submit the winning names to me at the address below and I will send a coupon to be presented to the student at your convenience. The winning essay at Midwinter Convention receives an award of \$500. They present the coupon to Dale Oldenburg and he sends them the money.

The final help I need from Zone Chairs is to make sure that the student and his/her parents make it to the Midwinter Convention. The District will pay for their lunches on Saturday.

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PS: On the back I am including a few details for this year's contest

Proposed Topics

In the information sent to Club Presidents I strongly suggested that they use, this years topic which is “Legacy of Service.” We are requesting that the students write on the following topic:

Webster’s Dictionary defines a legacy as “something transmitted or received from an ancestor, or predecessor or from the past.” For nearly 100 years, the Lions have reached out to local communities as well as communities around the world leaving their legacy “We Serve”. How do you want to be remembered? A legacy isn’t always about things. In this essay, write about who you are, how you touch other people’s lives, and the legacy you wish to leave behind.

Interpret these topics as you will. There is no penalty for the student choosing their own topics.

Timelines

Club level: Essays should be done judging by October 31st, 2016 and sent to the Zone Chair by November 5th, 2016.

Zone Level: Essays should be done judging by November 30th, 2016 and sent to the Region Chair by December 5th, 2016. **Region Level:** Essays should be done judging by December 31st, 2016 and sent to me by January 10th, 2017.

Other

I am including judging forms and information in this letter. It is recommended that the length of the essay be approximately 500 words.