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The Lions Clubs of Norwood Young America, West Carver and Hamburg wish to announce an Essay Contest for Students in Grades 9 through 12

We invite students to submit their best essays of approximately 500 words length to be judged by a committee for awarding of cash prizes.

The motto of the Lions is “We serve.” To honor this sentiment, we are requesting that the student write their essay on the following:

As a young person, you have a unique perspective on the world. How can you be of service to your school, your community, your state, your nation or the world. Citing specific examples of your personal involvement will help your score. Also, feel free to cite examples of others who have inspired you. You may find it helpful to give examples of how you are planning your future in the area of service.

We allow flexibility in topics if the student is uncomfortable with these.

Our timelines are somewhat flexible on submission of the essay, but it should be turned in with a resume form by the middle of October so that we can complete the award process.

Winners will receive cash awards. First, the local club will choose a winner who will be awarded a prize and will probably be invited by the club to receive that award and present his/her work to the group. The winners will have the essay sent to Zone, Region and District contests. Zone winners will receive \$50; Region winners will receive \$150, and the District winner will receive \$500. District finalists will be invited to read their essay to a large audience in Mankato in February.

Judging of the essays will be fairly similar to methods used to judge your essays in school. The four areas recommended to the judges for selection of winning essays are:

- Originality - 90% original work and proper credit cited
- Content - Interesting. Draws conclusions and offers recommendations
- Organization - Normal essay structure and flows evenly
- Mechanics - Correct in normal mechanics and uses good sentence structure

Contact me with any questions.

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