

Lions Write Off Contest



The Lions Club of _____ wishes to announce an Essay Contest for Students in grades 9 through 12

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

This years topic 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.

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 end of October so that we can complete the award process.

Winners will receive cash awards. First, the local club will chose a winner who will be awarded a prize and will probably be invited by the club to receive their award and present their work to the group. The winners will have their essay sent to Zone, Region and District contests. Zone winners will receive \$100; and the District's 1st place winner will receive \$500 plus a plaque, 2nd place winner will receive \$300.00 and 3rd place winner will receive \$200.00. 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 essay in school. The four areas recommended to the judges for selection of winning essays are:

Originality (10%) - Original work and proper credit cited

Content (30%) – Interesting; does it draws conclusions and offer recommendations

Organization (30%) - Normal essay structure and flows evenly

Mechanics (30%) - Correct in normal mechanics and uses good sentence structure

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