

Lions District 21-A



2010 Speech Contest

**Water....
Will Arizona be left
high and dry**



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Lions Club Sponsorship

Lions Clubs agree to extend to the participating schools and students their fullest cooperation. Individual clubs also agree to provide for the requirements and welfare of any student whom they may be sponsoring when that student appears in an area or district contest.

Purpose of the Contest

To provide an opportunity for competitive **public speaking among students** on a subject of vital interest to the contestants, as well as to the American people as a whole;

To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking;

To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future problems we all are facing.

Entrants

The contest is open to all 11th grade students, including foreign exchange students, of any public, charter, private or home school program.

Contestants must be attending school when the competition is held. No more than nine contestants can compete at the club or area level. Six is the recommended number.

Only one winner shall be certified to proceed to the next succeeding contest.

Students should be reminded of their obligation to complete the contests. Scheduling conflicts are the student's responsibility to resolve.

Time Limitations

Students entering the contest shall prepare **a speech in English to be as close as possible to, but not over, ten minutes, nor less than five minutes delivery time.**

Awards

Club Contests – The winner will receive \$100 to be presented at the Area Contest. All speakers will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Area Contests – The winner shall receive \$100 to be added to their other winnings to be presented at the district contest. The runners-up will receive their \$100 as a Club Contest winner.

District Contest – The winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to add to his or her winnings for a total of \$2,200. Other Area Contest winners will be presented their \$200 earned.

The scholarship award is granted for use at any accredited two or four year college, university, or other school approved by the Lions of District 21-A – Student Speech Contest Committee. The winner shall be allowed seven years from the date of high school graduation to utilize

their scholarship. Disbursement of scholarship payments will be made over four school semesters with \$550 per semester being provided. Funds will be sent directly to the student's designated school in their name.

If the winner does not utilize any portion of the scholarship within the seven year period, the money shall revert to the Lions of District 21-A to be deposited in their Speech Contest Scholarship Fund.

A certificate of scholarship, with letter of explanation for obtaining the scholarship funds, will be provided to the winning speaker.

Awards furnished at the club, area, and district levels shall be restricted to those described here. There shall be no exceptions. Any violation of additional awards will result in the disqualification of the contestant.

Club Contests

The president of each participating Lions club shall appoint the club contest chairperson. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to inform Lion Robin Daviet as to which schools they will be asking to participate in their club contest. If needed, members of the Speech Contest Committee will assist clubs with their school contacts. Non-Lion judges will be provided throughout the competition.

Well in advance, a date for the club contest should be set and a site for the contest should be chosen. The size of the room should be adequate for the anticipated audience. The room must be capable of being closed during the contest and should be reasonably quiet when closed.

No Lions Club may hold more than one club contest in any given year. The winning speaker will represent the club in the area contest. No student shall participate in more than one club contest during the contest year, and no school shall participate in more than one club contest during the contest year.

Contest Dates

Each contest must be held separately and completed by the following dates regardless of the number of contestants competing:

- **Club Level**...on or before January 30, 2010
- **Area Level**...on or before February 27, 2010
- **District Level**...on March 20, 2010 at 21-A's District Convention in Phoenix

Area Contest dates will be officially announced at the Club level contests. Failure to complete any contest by the above listed dates shall disqualify the winners thereof from further competition.

No contest dates, once announced, shall be changed unless all contestants are given at least one week's notice. At the end of the contest, the chairperson will give the winner a sheet with the information about the next level contest.

The following are causes for disqualification:

1. Use or display of props
2. Uniforms or any method of personal identification.
3. Failure to give reference sources of quoted material.
4. Use of notes in excess of one 3 by 5 card.
5. Use of prompters.
6. Publication of speech, except for very brief quotations, in any media, prior to completion of the final contest
7. Participation in more than one Lions Club contest during the contest year.

Violation of these rules must result in disqualification of the speaker by the chairperson, whose decision shall be final. Any protest relative to the contest must be made in writing to the chairperson before the winner is announced.

