



# Lions District 21-A 2010 Student Speakers Contest

## Water.... Will Arizona be left high and dry?



### Who are the Lions?

Lions are men and women who **volunteer** their time to humanitarian causes in their local and world **communities**. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help individuals in need, wherever and whoever they are. The Lions' motto is "We Serve".

The International Association of Lions Clubs was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917. It is the world's largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

### What do Lions do?

- ❖ Provide services to the **blind and visually impaired** in their local communities and through Lions foundations.
- ❖ Support **youth programs** such as Lions Quest, a social/emotional healthy growth school program; youth exchange programs where students travel to foreign countries; and Leo clubs, where students participate in service activities, literacy, and cultural projects.
- ❖ Sponsor a **Student Speakers Contest** which provides scholarships to high school students for higher education

### Membership

Membership in a Lions club is by invitation. In addition to community **service**, members have opportunities to develop personal **friendships** and gain **leadership** skills.

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~ TO THE STUDENTS ~

**WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST ANNUAL  
LIONS DISTRICT 21-A  
STUDENT SPEAKERS  
CONTEST**

**2009-2010**

This year the Lions Clubs of District 21-A are proud to sponsor our first annual Student Speakers Contest.

Our topic for this year's contest is:

**“Water...  
Will Arizona be left high and dry?”**

This thought provoking subject will give our youth the opportunity to explore in depth a topic that is of vital importance to all Arizonans, present and future; and one that needs immediate attention.

The Lions of District 21-A encourage the participation of all qualified high school students in this contest, thus creating a forum to further develop one's confidence in expressing views on a topic of major concern while building self-assurance in public speaking.

For clarity and fairness in judging, all speeches must be presented in English. We wish each participating student great success in this contest and in all of your future endeavors.

**2009-2010 Student Speakers Committee  
Robin Daviet, Michael Mayo, Doug Phelps,  
Hal Edelman, and Michele Roessel  
Lions District 21-A**

**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. They are further to lend whatever assistance is needed to the student when he or she 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 Arizonans as a whole;
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking;
- To consider the means at our disposal of future public concerns.

**Student Speaker Contest -**

**Topic Suggestions**

Anyone may submit topics for the succeeding year. The committee will gladly accept all suggestions. The club chairperson will forward these suggestions to the district chairperson.

All proposed suggestions are considered by the committee and the district chairperson. Topics recommended by the committee are then submitted to the District Cabinet for final selection.

**Entrants**

The contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students, who are currently enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, of any high school, public, charter, private or home school.

**Contestants must be attending school when the competition is held.** Three to six speakers are recommended for contests, but limited to **no more than nine speakers at the club, area, or district levels.**

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 TO BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO, BUT NOT OVER, TEN MINUTES, NOR LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES DELIVERY TIME.

**Topic**

This year's topic has been carefully selected. Entrants should be certain to speak on the topic since points are awarded for adhering to the subject title.

## Awards

Awards must conform to the policies recommended by the District Student Speakers Committee and ratified by the District Cabinet.

**Club contests** – The district shall present \$100 to the club winners who are finalists following the completion of the Area Contest. The club shall present a Certificate of Participation to the winner and each finalist at the time of announcing the winner and finalists of their club contest.

**Area contests** – The district shall present the finalists in the area contest a check for \$100. The district shall present an additional \$100 to the winner for a total of \$200 to the area winners who are finalists following the completion of the District Contest.

**District contest** – The district shall present the finalists in the district contest a check for \$200. On behalf of Lions District 21-A, the Student Speakers Committee, with the assistance of the Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc. will present the winner a \$2,000 scholarship combined with their previous \$200 in winnings for a scholarship award totaling \$2,200 in the form of a Certificate of Scholarship.

The scholarship award is granted for use at any **accredited** two or four year college, university, or to any other school approved by the Lions District 21-A Student Speakers Committee.

The winner shall be allowed seven years from the date of high school graduation to utilize their scholarship. Disbursement of the scholarship payments will be as follows: \$550 per semester for 4 semesters. Evidence of official enrollment must be provided each enrollment period prior to funds being disbursed.

If for any reason a student does not continue in a timely manner, the Lions of District 21-A - Student Speakers Committee must be notified.

If a winner does not utilize any portion of the scholarship within the seven year period, the money shall revert to Lions District 21-A Student Speakers Committee fund held in reserve by the Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc.

A **certificate of scholarship**, with letter of explanation for obtaining the scholarship funds, will be provided by the Lions of District 21-A; Student Speakers Committee via Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc. to the winning speaker at the district contest.

Awards furnished at the club, area and district levels shall be restricted to those recommended by

the Student Speakers Committee and approved by the District 21-A cabinet. THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. ANY VIOLATION OF ADDITIONAL AWARDS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF A CONTESTANT.

## Certificates

One official Certificate of Participation will be provided by the Lions District 21-A Student Speakers Committee. It will be used for presentation to contestants and coaches at the club level and for judges at all levels.

It is recommended that certificates be professionally copied or an electronic copy is printed from a good functioning printer. Prior to presentation the certificates should be filled out appropriately and nicely framed.

After judging has been completed, indicate the level of the contest and “winner”, “finalist”, “coach”, or “judge” on the line in the lower right hand corner of the awardees’ certificates.

## Club Contests

The president of each participating Lions club shall appoint the club contest chairperson. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to contact schools early enough to allow ample time for student preparation prior to the club contest. The Z fold brochure should be displayed in a prominent location. These pages should be copied and provided to school coaches or teachers. Periodically, the chairperson should contact the school representatives to check on the progress of the contest at the school level.

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.***

Clubs should contact schools in their area. If a question arises as to what club should select from what schools, the Student Speakers Committee and the District Governor shall decide.

## 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

The 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 Area and District Student Speakers Contest Chairpersons shall be responsible for their respective contests. Judges for club and area contests will be provided by Toastmasters who are non-Lions members. Judges for the District 21-A Contest will be members of the National Speakers Bureau who are non-Lions.

Area Chairpersons, by entering students in further competition, will be affirming that these students completed their preliminary contests no later than the dates set forth above.

**No contest dates, once announced, shall be changed** unless all contestants are given at least one week's notice.

## Notification of Winners

At the end of the contest, the chairperson will give the winner, a sheet with the information about the next level contest. (See Appendix 1)

Club and Area level Chairpersons shall fill out the required information about their contest winner and e-mail or mail it to District 21-A Chairperson Lion Robin Daviet at [robindaviet@cs.com](mailto:robindaviet@cs.com) or P.O. Box 519, Laveen, AZ 85339-0519.

## 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.*

## INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

### **All Lions Student Speakers Contests**

At the club and area level, judges will be provided by Toastmaster groups within the region where the contest is held. At the district level, judges will be provided by the National Speakers Bureau, Arizona Chapter. Judges will be non-Lions who have no personal relationship with any of the speech contestants.

The chairperson of each contest, or a designee, **will meet with all the judges** to explain rules and scoring procedures prior to the contest. *At least one alternate judge should be selected and be available in all contests.*

**NO LION, LIONESS OR SPOUSE shall be permitted to judge at any level.**

No member of any competing high school faculty shall be selected as a judge. **NO PERSON SHALL JUDGE THE SAME CONTESTANT IN ANY LIONS STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE SAME CONTEST YEAR.**

Extreme care should be exercised in judge selection to avoid a judge and contestant knowing each other.

**THE JUDGES MUST NOT CONFER BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR WORKSHEETS TO THE TELLERS. THE ABOVE APPLIES TO ALL CONTESTS.**

## Speech Evaluation Standards

The judges should have in mind the following factors as they listen to each of the speeches. Points indicated are maximum scores.

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| 1. | THE TEXT   |
|    | ALONE (Thought Content)  |
|    | <i>Did the speaker present important ideas?</i>                    |
| a. | Originality<br>10 points   |
| b. | Adhering to<br>the subject title<br>10 points                      |
| c. | Quality of<br>material<br>20 points                                |
| 2. | DELIVERY   |
|    | ALONE  |
|    | <i>Did the speaker give a formal public speech?</i>                |
| a. | Emphasis,<br>voice control<br>10 points                            |
| b. | Enunciation,<br>pronunciation<br>10 points                         |
| c. | Sincerity,<br>enthusiasm, poise<br>10 points                       |
| 3. | EFFECTIVE  |
|    | NESS OF THE EFFORT AS A WHOLE                                      |
| a. | Was the<br>speech a well<br>rounded, cohesive effort?<br>10 points |
| b. | Did it have<br>logic and organization?<br>10 points                |
| c. | Was the<br>speaker persuasive?<br>10 points                        |

## INSTRUCTIONS TO TIMERS

In all contests, three people serving as **timekeepers shall submit to the tellers**, in writing, an OFFICIAL TIMERS WORKSHEET, the time used by each contestant recorded in minutes and seconds. Stopwatches are recommended for use by the timers at all contest levels.

***Timing shall start when the speaker first speaks - not at the conclusion of the salutation to the chair and the audience.***

There shall be no warning signal given to contestants by the timekeepers or others.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO TELLERS

There shall be at least **three tellers** at all contests. The duties of the tellers are to **collect the Timers' Worksheets and Judges' Worksheets, and to tally the judges' scores.**

In all competitions, **1) a penalty of 2%** for each judge's score shall be imposed for each minute, or fraction thereof, by which the speaker's talk is less than 5 minutes or more than 10 minutes. **2) After deducting any percentage penalties on timing, 3)** the tellers shall **designate the places earned by the various speakers on each judge's worksheet**, such as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. using the OFFICIAL TELLER'S WORKSHEET.

When this has been done, **4)** the tellers will **add the total number of first places for each speaker**, and the **one who has earned the majority of first places** shall be declared the **winner**. If **no** speaker has a **majority** (over one-half) of first places, **5)** the tellers will then **total the places earned** and the contestant with the **lowest total of places earned** will be declared the **winner**.

In the event they are also **tied** with the same total of places earned, the **tie shall be settled by 6) adding the scores of the tied speakers**, and the one with the **highest total of such scores, after deducting time penalties**, shall be declared the **winner** of the contest.

In the event they **also tied** with the same **percentage scores**, the **tie shall be settled by 7) using the timers' sheet** and awarding the contest to the **speaker who comes closest to, without going over, the maximum 10 minute limit**. That person shall therefore be declared the **winner** of the contest.

The **Contest Chairperson** shall review and verify the teller's worksheets before announcing the results.

***Under no circumstances should anyone but the winner be announced. All students not winning should always be considered finalists.***

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clocks in contest room must be removed or covered.
2. Microphone and speakers stand must be available for use at option of the speaker.
3. Judges and contestants should not engage in conversation prior to the contest.
4. The chairperson will give the Contestant's Information Sheet to students to complete. (See Appendix 2)
5. Prior to the contest, the students must draw numbers to determine the order of speaking.

6. Watches may not be worn or used by contestants during the contest.
  7. Contestants and judges must not be introduced by name until after the contest is complete and the judges' worksheets collected. Contestants should be designated by numbers indicating the order of speaking only.
  8. Contestants should not introduce themselves or give any information about themselves when giving their speech.
  9. Worksheets from the contest must be kept confidential.
  10. No penalty shall be assessed in the event the competitor does not address the chair or give the topic title.
  11. Students must present speeches in person at all levels.
5. There will be a quiet three minute intermission between speakers. There shall be no conferring with judges during the contest.
  6. No photography, video or audio taping will be allowed during the contest.
  7. All noise emitting electronic devices such as phones, beepers, etc. should be turned off until the contest is completed. If you have not already done this, please do so now.
  8. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the chairperson before the winner is announced.

**Call speakers** only by number. If only one speaker is present, he/she must still speak and be judged.

After the speakers are finished, and the tellers have collected all worksheets and have retired from the room, invite the students to tell about themselves and introduce parents and guests.

**Introduce** the judges and present certificates to them.

**Announce** - Present participants, coaches and judges certificates only at club level contests. Present judges certificates and finalists' checks at area level contests. Present judges' certificates, finalists' checks and winner's Certificate of Scholarship at the district level contest. At club and area contests present the winner with the Information Form he/she needs to fill out.

**Announce** the date, time and place of the next contest. Introduce and thank the tellers, timers, and door guards.

## **CONTEST MEETING AGENDA**

**Call to order** - start on time

**Pledge of Allegiance**, song and invocation or other desired opening ceremonies.

**Introductory Remarks** - Brief outline of the objectives and history of the contest. Publicize the Lions District 21-A Student Speakers Contest financial supporters. Explain how contributions can be made to our program through the Lions Foundation of Arizona.

**State the purpose of the contest:**

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to all Arizonans.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking, and
- To consider the means of addressing present and future water needs facing mankind.

## **Contest Rules:**

### **MUST BE READ AS PRINTED**

1. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking.
2. There shall be no smoking, eating of food or drinking of beverages during the contest, except during intermissions, outside the building in designated areas.
3. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judges' worksheets have been collected.
4. Each speaker is allowed ten minutes, but no warning signals shall be given.

## **After the Contest**

1. Make sure the Tellers Worksheet is completed in its entirety including the name of your club or area.
2. Send the Tellers Worksheet, Timers Worksheets, Judges Worksheets and Notifications of Winner Form to the chairperson of the next level contest. (See Appendix 3, Notification of Winner Form)
3. The scores given by the judges for an INDIVIDUAL STUDENT may be given to that student or the student's speech coach. Do not identify the judges or disclose the scores of other students.
4. All winners of club contests shall be given a Student Speakers Contest Handbook prior to the Area contest.

**Note: The District 21 -A Student Speakers Committee is in charge of the Rules and Operation of the Student Speakers Contest. All contest chairs shall abide by the rules as stated in the Student Speakers Contest Handbook.**

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Contest Chairman

### Appendix 1

#### LIONS DISTRICT 21-A LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

**Congratulations!** As a contest winner you are eligible to participate in the next level of competition as noted.

Contest		
You Won	Your Next Level	Lion Contact
Club	Area Contest	Area Contest Chair
Area	District Contest	District Contest Chair

#### NEXT LEVEL CONTEST INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS    no    yes \_\_\_\_\_

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To ensure your participation, please contact me. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

LION \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### Appendix 2

#### CONTESTANT'S INFORMATION SHEET

#### STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Plans after high school \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Guests' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please complete after order of speaking has been determined)

**Appendix 3**

**MAIL THIS NOTIFICATION OF WINNER  
FORM TOGETHER WITH TELLERS',  
TIMERS' AND JUDGES' SHEETS TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL CHAIRPERSON.**

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*I hereby Certify*

THE WINNER OF THE \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB, AREA, DISTRICT CONTEST to be:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

**TO YOUR NEXT LEVEL  
COMPETITION MEETING**

Please reconfirm information, as to time, place,  
type of meeting, reservation requirements, etc.  
to me and to the winner noted above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Contest Chairperson

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_