

Lions for Youth Opportunity (LOFY) 2025 Contest Report
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To: Cabinet Secretary, Lion Tami Kraus
From: Dr. Thapa, Chair, Lions for Youth Opportunity

Dear Cabinet Secretary Lion Tami,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the Lions for Youth Opportunity (LOFY) contests for 2025. As the chair of LOFY, I have ensured that all necessary documents for the contests were updated and submitted to PDG Billy Ketner on November 18, 2024. These updated forms, along with all associated materials, are now available for public access on the District 2-X1 website at <https://texaslions.org/opportunities-for-youth/#>.

This year, we continue to offer the MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest and the MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest, both of which provide significant opportunities for high school students to engage in critical societal issues and gain valuable scholarships.

The MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest focuses on the important topic of "Policies for Narcan Use in Schools." Junior and senior high school students are invited to submit a 5 to 7-minute speech, with the first-place winner receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and the second-place winner receiving \$500. Submissions are due by March 8, 2025, and judging will be conducted on Saturday, April 5, 2025, via Zoom. The 1st place winner will also have the honor of presenting at the District Convention on Saturday, April 27, 2025.

Similarly, the MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest invites students to submit an essay of 750-1,000 words on "What are the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)?" In addition, students are evaluated based on their high school GPA, letters of recommendation, biographical statement, and a personal interview. The first-place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the second-place winner will receive \$500. The deadline for submissions is also March 8, 2025, with interviews and judging occurring via Zoom on Saturday, April 5, 2025. The 1st place winner will be honored at the District 2-X1 Convention on Saturday, April 27, 2025.

All required forms, including those for both contests, are available on the website mentioned above. This ensures that the information is easily accessible to all interested participants.

I trust that these contests will continue to foster the growth and development of our youth, giving them a platform to voice their opinions and contribute meaningfully to pressing issues. I look forward to the continued success of these initiatives and to working with you to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further details or have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dr. Om Thapa
LOFY Chair-District 2-X1
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