

Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Competition

Official Judge's Information and Worksheet

On behalf of the Lions of Massachusetts, **THANK YOU** for volunteering to be a Judge. This competition would not be possible without your contribution of time, talent and effort.

The competition is open to all students, including LEOS, foreign exchange, and home-schooled students in grades 10, 11, and 12 (or equivalent), provided that they are sponsored by a Massachusetts Lions or LEO Club.

The purpose of the competition is to provide an opportunity for students to speak publicly on a designated topic of general interest. The competition starts at the local level and proceeds through several levels of competition, ending several months later with a statewide competition. In between, there are zone, region, and district levels of competition, where the winner at each level has the opportunity to proceed to the next level of competition. The competition culminates with five (5) district winners vying for the title of BEST IN THE STATE.

Your job, while not easy, will be rewarding. The contestants are talented high- school- aged students who have given freely of their time and effort to enter this competition. They deserve your best effort and they will give theirs.

The scores of three Judges will determine the outcome of the competition. The following criteria applies to the selection of Judges:

- Lions, Lioness and LEOS are not permitted to be Judges.
- A faculty member of a competing school may not be a Judge.
- Judges may not be related to or be acquainted with any contestant.
- A person may only judge one (1) contest in a year.

Judges must score all contestants and will tally their scores using the Official Judge's Worksheet. **Each Judge must select one person to be a winner. Ties are not allowed for any place. Judges are given all the time needed to complete their scoring.** Each criteria listed must be scored.

The Judges will not confer with one another until after the worksheets have been collected by the Tellers.

The Tellers will determine the final placement of each speaker by compiling the scores and places of the three Judges after assessing any penalties for missing sentences or time infractions.

The Judge's worksheets are considered confidential. The person in charge may give the student speakers their individual scores while being certain not to release the scores of other contestants.

The use of a microphone and podium is optional. Contestants may use notes, determined by the level of competition. It is not necessary that the contestant address anyone or give the topic title.

Please contact the person in charge if you have any questions.

Thank You. *MD33 Youth Speech Competition Committee*



OFFICIAL YOUTH SPEECH COMPETITION JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

JUDGE NO.: _____ JUDGE'S PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

STANDARD OF CRITICISM	MAXIMUM SCORE	SPEAKER				
		1	2	3	4	5
DELIVERY- was it a formal public speech?						
a. Emphasis, Voice control	10					
b. Enunciation, Pronunciation	10					
c. Sincerity, Enthusiasm, Poise	10					
EFFECTIVENESS- Were you moved?						
a. Was the speech a well-rounded cohesive effort?	10					
b. Did the speech have logic and organization?	10					
c. Did speech have emotional impact?	10					
TEXT: Was it well thought out?						
a. Originality	10					
b. Quality of material	10					
c. Did the speaker adhere to the subject title?	20					
Judge's Total Score	100					

PENALTIES TO BE ASSESSED BY TELLERS

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	1	2	3	4	5
a. Time infractions					
b. Missed sentences					
REVISED JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE					

PLACE EARNED- to be determined by Teller					
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