

## Purpose

- ◆ Provide an opportunity for Public Speaking on a subject of interest to contestants and American people.
- ◆ Provide a vehicle for youth and members of Lions Clubs to interact in the community.
- ◆ Stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.

## Sponsorship

Lions Clubs agree to extend to the participating students their fullest cooperation. Individual Clubs agree to provide for the requirements and welfare of any student whom they may be sponsoring when the student appears in a Club, District and State Competition. This may include transportation and meals. District competitions will all be different to determine the State Contestant.

## Entrants

- ◆ Open to **ANY** student of high school age.
- ◆ Entrants must submit a written manuscript of their speech to the sponsoring Lions Club prior to the first competition; the ***same speech* MUST BE USED** for all competitions.
- ◆ Notes and manuscripts may be used.



## Time Limitations

Contestant's speech should last no less than five (5) minutes and no longer than seven (7) minutes.

## Awards

- ◆ First place winners in each Lions district will receive a cash award, and each runner-up will receive a cash award. Contact your DG for the amount in your District.
- ◆ First place winners from each district will progress to a state contest. The winner of this contest will receive a \$500 cash award, second place will receive \$400, third and fourth place will receive \$250.
- ◆ Second place will advance if first place cannot continue.

## Judging

- ◆ Three judges will score the competition.
- ◆ Lions shall not be a judge above the club level when their Club's winner is a participant

## Disqualification

Failure to comply with the General Instructions are grounds for disqualification.

Additional grounds include:

- ◆ Use or display of props
- ◆ Uniforms or any other form of identification including Lions emblems to obtain an unfair advantage.
- ◆ Inclusion of partisan politics or sectarian religion in the speech.
- ◆ Publication of the speech in local media, etc. prior to the contest
- ◆ Same speech is NOT used throughout the competition



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# 2017-2018 STUDENT SPEECH CONTEST



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**TOPIC: “WHAT  
SOCIAL ISSUE  
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CHALLENGE TO THE  
FUTURE OF THE  
USA?”**