

ESSAY

2018-2019



Kindness Matters

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2018. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2004 through November 15, 2007. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Kindness Matters"

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.*
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays cannot be published without written permission from Lions Clubs International. However, sponsoring clubs, districts and multiple districts have permission to publish their sponsored essays.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Lions International Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names, photographs and essays for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

DEADLINES

November 15 Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.

December 1 Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

December 1 Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson is December 1. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International (postmarked by December 1).

December 15 Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

February 1 International grand prize winner will be notified on or before this date.

Mailing address:

Essay Contest, Public Relations Division,
Lions Clubs International,
300 W. 22nd Street,
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842;
fax at 630-571-1685; or
e-mail to pr@lionsclubs.org
(the words "Lions Essay Contest"
must appear in the Subject Line of the e-mail).

Clubs can sponsor visually impaired students in the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest!

ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly. All information and signatures are required.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Winner's Name _____

Essay Title _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____ Check One: Male _____ Female _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____ Grade _____

Home Phone Number* _____

E-Mail _____

Student's Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

2. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President Name _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Club President Signature _____

3. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

District Governor Signature _____

4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

Council Chairperson Signature _____

**Include area code in the U.S. or country and city codes outside the U.S.*