



Lions Clubs International Peace Essay Contest

Created to give an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace, the International Essay Contest is a staple of Lions Clubs around the world. Lions work with local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

2023-2024 CONTEST

The Theme is: Dare to Dream

Young people who are visually impaired, aged 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form and is required to be sponsored by a Lion's Club. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, typed in black ink, and double-spaced.

Timeline

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| October 1: | Deadline for the sponsoring club to have the essay and entry form to the District Youth Coordinator. |
| October 15: | Deadline for District Youth Coordinator to have the essay to their District Governor for judging. |
| November 15: | Deadline for the District to send one winning essay to the Lions New Zealand national competition, care of the Council Chairperson. |
| December 15: | Deadline for the Council Chairperson to send to Lions Clubs International for judging. |

Although all care will be taken, participants and/or their support people accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged or lost during the judging process. Entries will not be acknowledged or returned; they become the property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions Clubs International contests sponsored by Lions' clubs. 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.