

To: Lions Council of Governors

Subject: 2020-2021 Youth Speech Report at State Convention

State-wide District Mid-Winter Speech Contests

All five District mid-winter contests were held, and there will be five speech contestants speaking at the State Convention on April 24, 2021.

Virtual Speech Contests

The speech contest at the State Convention will be held virtually. The contest will take place at 9:00 am prior to the official opening of the convention.

Digital Speech Forms

With the development of electronic youth speech forms, most of the contests throughout the multiple districts were held virtually. As was reported in the midwinter communication speech report, these electronic forms are posted on the youth speech website, www.lionsyouthspeech.org.

District Speech Assessments

All the speech assessments have been paid. This will enable the speech committee to award a \$1,500 prize to the winner and \$500 prizes to the finalists. The warrant for these checks has been submitted to the Council of Governors.

Lions State Convention

All five districts will be presenting a youth speech contestant speaking on this year's topic of **"Is Winning Everything?"** at the April 24, 2021 state convention. The speech committee has obtained three judges, plus one alternate for the contest. All the other contest officials are set and preliminary meetings will take place with all of them the week of the contest. We have asked if the convention keynote speaker, 1st Vice International President, Douglas Alexander, will be attending the contest. If he is, we will invite him to address the students.

At the conclusion of the contest, one Massachusetts contestant will be named "Best in State 2020-2021" and awarded \$1,500. The four other contestants will each receive an award of \$500. In addition, each contestant will be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation.

2021-2022 Youth Speech Topic

The 2021-2022 speech topic is **"How Important is Accountability?"**

This will be announced at State speech contest.

Respectfully submitted: Roxana & Mike Camporeale, State Youth Speech Chairs
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