



MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST 2019



Celebrating 61 Years of LEO Clubs Essay Contest

Choose an individual leader who has made a significant community service contribution in the last sixty years. The contribution may be of national or global significance it might be an invention, or idea that has changed society. In your essay explain why the contribution made by this person is so important. The essay should express your own ideas in your own words and must not be copied from any other source such as the Internet.

See terms and conditions

Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is open to all LEO members (since March 31, 2018 or earlier) in Lions Clubs International MD19 attending a high school in the MD19 area of service in both Canada and the United States of America. (British Columbia, Washington State and Northern Idaho)
2. Entrants must select a **Senior** or **Junior** entry depending on their age on 1st July 2019. **Senior** entrants must be 16 years old on or after July 1, 2019 and be under the age of 18 on June 30, 2019. **Junior** entrants must be 15 years old or under on June 30, 2019.
3. The **maximum** word counts are **1,500 words for Senior** entries and **750 words for Junior** entries. Essays exceeding word count by 5% may not be considered.
4. The font size in the document is recommended to be a minimum of 12 pt font, and a maximum of 16 pt font. Font used should be clear and easily legible.
5. Entries must be written in English.
6. Only **one entry per participant** is allowed. Once an essay is submitted, students/teachers/guardians will **not** have the opportunity to revise it. Please carefully check and improve your writing before submitting the final copy, and also ensure that all supplementary information is filled in correctly (Include a covering page that has a Digital photo (.png, .tiff or .jpeg) of the entrant Name, age, home address, email address, phone number and Topic)
7. Plagiarism is not accepted in the contest. By submitting an essay to the MD19 LEO Essay Committee, the participant agrees the work submitted is original and written by the participant. Submissions found to be copied in whole or in part from another source without proper quotation or citation may be disqualified from entry into the contest. Students may be disqualified because they are suspected of plagiarism.
8. The final copy submitted for the competition **must** be the entrant's own work, and cannot be excessively corrected or improved by another person. This does not rule out input or assistance from others but does exclude group entries.
9. Judges for the contest will be selected by the MD19 LEO Essay Committee. All participants will submit their essays to the administrators of the contest. All entries submitted will be read by the panel of judges and the top essays as decided by this panel, for each group will be declared winners. Judging criteria is as follows:
 - Ideas & Originality - 30%
 - Imagination & Inspiration - 20%



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- Practicality - 15%
- Language & Writing Skills - 15%
- Composition, Presentation, Organization - 20%

10. Essays can only be uploaded as a **Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or in PDF format (.pdf)**. The online platform does not accept Google Docs (.gdoc), Pages documents (.pages) or other word processor formats. Note: if we are unable to find or open your essay file (either through an incorrect format or upload error), your entry may not be counted in the competition.

11. All entries are sent on line and must be submitted by April 30th, 2019; MD19 LEO Essay Committee email address (md19leoessay@gmail.com).

12. A total of 6 prizes are available to be won. All prize amounts are in US dollars.
Prizes:

Junior winners 3 prizes overall - 1st \$250 2nd \$150 3rd \$100

Senior winners 3 prizes overall - 1st \$250 2nd \$150 3rd \$100

There are also same prizes available for the Leo Club of each winner.

13. Dates:

January 30, 2019 Contest topic announced

February 1, 2019 - Essays can begin to be submitted at 12:01 AM.

April 30, 2019 - Deadline to submit ALL essays at 11:59 PM.

May 1, 2019 – Judging begins.

Presentations to be made by June 15th prior to school year end..

14. By submitting an essay, participants agree to: allow MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST Committee to record you either by photo and/or video ("media") at events at which MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST Committee participates, and publish this media at the discretion of the MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST Committee. This includes but is not limited to publishing on the Lions Foundation website and the Lions MD19 website and future documentation and/or marketing materials.

15. The **MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST** Committee suggests that entrants retain a copy of their original work as regrettably we are unable to return or provide copies of submissions.

16. The **MD19 LEO ESSAY CONTEST** Committee and its partners will only be able to publish on their website and in their literature content that is appropriate for a wide and diverse audience, in line with our own policies. Entrants are encouraged to consider this in relation to their use of language when entering the competition.

17. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

18. Winners to be presented at their Schools prior to school year end.