



## **Lions District 19-B Youth Exchange Essay Contest**

Here is a chance to earn credit towards a MD-19 Lions Youth Exchange trip next summer.

To travel to Japan, Australia and New Zealand, the contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 21 by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the travel year.

To travel to the European and South American countries, the contestant must be between the ages of 17 and 21 by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the travel year (must turn 17 or not have reached 22 years of age by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the travel year).

The contestant must be sponsored by a Lions Club within District 19-B.

The contestant must submit a complete YEP Travel Application Form (with the exception of the Lions Club information and signatures) and include photographs, two letters of character reference (other than immediate family) and a letter to the unknown host family.

The contestant must submit a type-written essay of 750 but no more than 1,000 words on the subject of "How can I be an ambassador of good will to a foreign country?" and "How do I expect to grow as an individual as a result of this cultural exchange?"

All entries must be post marked by January 31<sup>st</sup> and/or received by February 5<sup>th</sup>. Submit all entries to Lions Youth Exchange, PO Box 12022, Mill Creek, WA 98082.

There will be three prizes awarded. First place will be a credit amount up to \$1,800.00 towards the MD-19 Lions Youth Exchange travel package. Second place will be a \$1,500.00 credit and third place \$1,200.00 credit. The contestant is responsible for the \$500 trip deposit plus the remainder of the balance due on their travel package if applicable. No cash or other prizes will be awarded. Judging information is available upon request. Countries with which we currently exchange include Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Peru, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Belgium, as well as other European countries.

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