



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

Here is a chance to earn credit towards a 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 2009.
- 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 2009 (must turn 17 or not have reached 22 years of age by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009).
- To travel to France, the contestant must be between the ages of 18 and 21 by July 15<sup>th</sup> of 2009 and completed two years of French language classes. For Spain a strong understanding of Spanish is required.
- The contestant must be sponsored by a Lions Club within District 19B.
- The contestant must submit a YEP Travel Application Form with the first page completed and include the photographs and two letters of character reference (other than immediate 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 February 1st and/or received by February 5, 2009.

Submit all entries to Lion Rob Schumer, P.O. Box 12022, Mill Creek, WA 98082.

There will be three prizes awarded. First place will be a credit amount up to \$1,600.00 towards the travel package. Second place will be a \$1,300.00 credit and third place \$1,100.00 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 exchange include Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Peru, Brazil, Italy, France, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Belgium, as well as other European countries.

For more information see our website at <http://www.lionsyouthexchange.org> or call Lion Rob Schumer at 425-483-5006 or e-mail to [yepfoundation@lions19b.com](mailto:yepfoundation@lions19b.com).