

MICHIGAN MOOSE ASSOCIATION

Youth Awareness Coordinator

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The Youth Awareness Program is for **high school students** (grades 9-12) who can combine academic skills and leadership qualities to target 4-9 year-old's with a positive message through Kids Talks. Previous presentations have been given on a variety of topics, such as: **Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Manners, Smoking, Fire Safety, Bullying, Peer Pressure, Washing Hands/Hygiene, Nutrition, Internet Safety, "Stranger Danger", Dental Health, Stay in School** just to name a few. Other topics of importance to these youngsters can be used as well.

Students chosen to participate in the program must attend a Youth Awareness Congress (one day) in September, October, or early November where they will learn more about the program and receive a T-shirt. After the Congress the students can go and deliver their presentations for which stipends are available. **(A report is required and must be submitted for each presentation.)** If this requirement is met, students who do three presentations will receive a check for \$50, and students doing 12 or more presentations receive an additional \$100. The reports are judged by a group of high school honor seniors from a school not involved in the program. The top two students are then eligible to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress where 50-60 students from the United States and Canada compete for scholarships of: \$12,000; \$8,000; \$5,000; \$3,000; and \$2,000. Also, the Michigan Moose Association has scholarships of \$1,000 and \$500 available on a drawing basis. (Student's name is entered in the drawing for each report after two are submitted, ie.: three reports result in name in drawing one time, 10 reports result in name entered eight times.) Students drawn allowed one scholarship per year.

The presentations can be given at **Elementary Schools, Pre-Schools, Sunday School Classes, Scouting Units, Head Start Programs, 4-H Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, After School Day Care, and other groups where they find 4-9 year-old's.**

This program is to be at no cost to the student or their family. The sponsoring Moose Lodge and the Michigan Moose Association are to cover the expenses.

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