

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to inform you that your student has been selected by peers to represent your state at the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress to be held in St. Louis, MO. The representatives will be required to **arrive on Thursday, April 20 and depart on Monday, April 24, 2023**. We have already secured the signed consent from the student's parents/guardians to participate. We respectfully request that you grant an approved absence for the three (3) school days that will be missed (**April 20, April 21 and April 24**).

The Moose International Youth Awareness Congress is the culmination of the annual Youth Awareness Program of the Loyal Order of Moose. At both the State/Provincial and International levels, the participants discuss how to use their influence to encourage four to nine-year-olds to make healthy and wise choices in life. Then, they are asked to follow through on their ideas by giving a minimum of three presentations called **Moose Kids Talks** to small groups of youngsters in this age range in their local communities.

We believe that participation in the International Youth Awareness Congress, along with more than 50 other students from the United States, will be an educational experience that HE/SHE will long remember. During the Congress, the students will share their **Moose Kids Talks** experiences with each other through formal presentations. On Saturday, **April 22**, after a full day of meetings, the students will select five individuals to receive the following college scholarships.

Place	Winnings
First Place	\$12,000.00
Second Place	\$8,000.00
Third Place	\$5,000.00
Fourth Place	\$3,000.00
Fifth Place	\$2,000.00

Should you have any questions regarding the International Youth Awareness Congress or the Moose Youth Awareness Program, please feel free to call our office at (630) 966-2214.

We sincerely thank you and your staff for your consideration in this matter. It is our hope that you, too, will see the educational value this experience can provide.

Sincerely,



Coordinator of Activities & Heart of the Community