



Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for the 2023-2024 contest is: " BE KIND TO YOUR MIND- LIVE DRUG FREE "

Rules

The contest is open to all **6th, 7th, & 8th grade students**. **Participants must write their essay themselves**, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

- **Length:** No longer than 250 words.
- **Paper size:** 8 1/2 x 11 inch.
- **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay:

- Student's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement

Due date: January 1st

Winners: Your local Elks lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. Awards for local winners will be announced in January.

STATE WINNERS will be announced in February at the Spring meeting in Savannah.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

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Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

The theme for the 2022-2023 contest is: " BE KIND TO YOUR MIND- LIVE DRUG FREE "

Rules

The contest is open to all **3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students**. **Poster paper:** Ideally, posters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 11x24 inches in size will be accepted. Please contact your [local Elks Lodge](#) for additional information, as some areas might have additional criteria.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:

- Student's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement

DUE DATE: January 1st

Winners: Each lodge will select a winner, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners in January. Winning posters will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the annual National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP Coloring Book. Winning Posters may also be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website - online coloring book and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

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Elks Drug Awareness Video Contest

The theme for the 2022-2023 contest is: " BE KIND TO YOUR MIND- LIVE DRUG FREE"

Rules

- The contest is open to two age groups:
 - Pre-High School
 - High School
- Participants: May be an individual or group
- Length: 2 to 5 minutes in length
- Format: Flash Drive or similar "mobile" media in readable format

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Age and Language appropriate
- Positive message
- Quality of video

Each entry must include the following information:

- Student or Group's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement
- If minors an additional release form is required

Due date: January 1st

Send the local lodge winner to Cyndi Russell And it will be forwarded to the national chairman

Winners: Your local Elks lodge will select the top videos, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning videos will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning video will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

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