



Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for the 2021-2022 contest is: **"The Best Me Is 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:** 8½ × 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: Please contact your [local Elks Lodge or Elks State Association](#) for more details.

Winners: Your local Elks lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays 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 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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**ESSAY, POSTER AND VIDEO CONTEST
Parental Consent Form
-WAIVER-**

My child _____ is the recipient of an Elks award through the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Poster, Essay, and/or Video Contest. I hereby give consent to the use of his/her name, photo, Video, Poster, and/or Essay in the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, *The Elks Magazine*, or other Elks' publications, or websites (including all forms of media) in furthering the programs and works of charity for the Order of Elks. I further consent that the Essay/Poster/Video shall become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Witness

Witness



(This document should be signed by the parent/guardian of any person under the age of 18)