



## Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for the 2021-2022 contest is “**Best Me is Drug Free**”

### Rules

The contest is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Participants must write the 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:** 8.5 x 11 inches
- **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed

### Judging:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure
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### Each entry must have the following information:

- Student's full name and phone number
- School, location, grade
- Elks Lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless Agreement

### Due date:

Return all essays for judging by **January 7, 2022** to the Lodge chairperson. The lodge chair will select the top essays from each grade and they will be forwarded to the district chairperson by **February 5, 2022**. The 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 Chairperson will choose an overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted in to the National Elks contest and may be featured on the [www.elkskidzone.org](http://www.elkskidzone.org) website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

