



"I Choose Not to Use"

The purpose of the Drug Awareness Essay Contest is to involve Children, Schools, and Parents in the Drug Awareness Program, Provide teachers with classroom discussion topics and create great publicity for local lodges.

The CHEA Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Chairman has adapted the CHEA essay contest rules to coincide with Grand Lodge in order to avoid any confusion and to ensure we will have **one** winner to send to Grand Lodge for judging.

- 1 All Students in the 6th to 8th grades are eligible to compete.
- 2 Essays are to be 200 words or less and written on 8 ½ by 11inch paper.
- 3 Essays should be grammatically correct.
- 4 Each Lodge submits an essay from one boy and one girl to their **District chairperson based on dates the District chairperson has established.**
- 5 Each District DAP Chairperson then submits an essay from one boy and one girl to the CHEA DAP Chairman as first place winners for their District.
- 6 Essay dates are the same as the CHEA Poster Contest. They must be received by the CHEA DAP Chairman no later than **January 10, 2012.**
- 7 Winner notification will be made through the District Chairperson.
- 8 *Lodges and Districts should award prizes or certificates to their winners, but there are no extra State funds available for this. The State awards are noted below.*

How to judge Essays

- A. Is it based on the theme?
- B. Is it original?
- C. Is it neat?
- D. Is it grammatically correct?

What is needed with the Essay?

- *Essay contest entry forms are available on the CHEA DAP web page and require the following information:*

Name of Student	Age and Gender of Student
Grade of Student	Home Address of Student
Telephone Number of Student	Name of Student’s Teacher
Name of Student’s School	
- *Hold Harmless Agreement* (available on the CHEA DAP web page).
- Contestants should be informed that their entries become property of the BPOE.
- Website: <http://www.chea-elks.org/drugawareness.html>

State winners will be selected by the CHEA Chairman and will receive:

1 st \$500.00	4 th \$200.00	<i>There will be a total of 10 prizes as a first place entry from both a boy and girl will be awarded</i>
2 nd \$400.00	5 th \$100.00	
3 rd \$300.00		

State Chairman will submit one winner to Grand Lodge for judging.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Each essay must be in a file folder
2. It must have a legible ENTRY FORM attached to the outside back of the folder
3. It must have a Hold Harmless Agreement attached to the entry form or it will not be eligible for a District or State Award.

One National winner will receive a \$500 Savings Bond awarded from the Grand Lodge Director's Drug Awareness Program.

Social security numbers are not required, except for the winner chosen to advance to Grand Lodge representing California-Hawaii Drug Awareness Program.
District Chairpersons will be notified of First Place winner.