

2010-2011

ELKS ESSAY CONTEST

"NOT NOW – NOT EVER"

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 State Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Chairman has changed the State Essay rules to coincide with Grand Lodge in order to avoid any confusion and that he will have one winner to send to Grand Lodge for judging.

ESSAY RULES:

1. All student in the 6th thru 8th grades, are eligible to compete
2. Essays are to be 200 words or less. Written on 8-1/2" X 11" paper.
3. It must be grammatically correct.
4. Each Lodge should submit **one First Place Boy and one First Place Girl** winner to the **District DAP Chairperson** by the date established by the District Chairperson.
5. Each student shall include an application form containing, Name of Student, Age and Gender of Student, Grade of Student, Home Address of Student, Telephone Number of Student, Name of Students Teachers, Name of Students School.
6. A Hold Harmless Agreement must be included with the essay. (contestants should be informed that their entries become property of the BPOE)

a. Essay contest entry forms are available on the CHEA DAP web page.

b. Lodges may award prizes to their winners. However, there are no State funds available for the Lodge contest winners.

7. Each District will submit **one boy and one girl** to State Chairman by January 10th 2011.

Note: Only one First Place Boy and one First Place Girl will be accepted from Each District

8. District Chairman should provide winners a reward of recognition in some form.
9. Ten State winners (5 boys & 5 girls) will be selected by the State Chairman:
 - a. 2 First Place winners will receive \$500.00.
 - b. 2 Second Place winners will receive \$400.00.
 - c. 2 Third Place winners will receive \$300.00.
 - d. 2 Forth Place winners will receive \$200.00
 - e. 2 Fifth Place winners will receive \$100.00
10. State Chairman will submit one winner to Grand Lodge for judging.
One National winner will receive a \$500 Savings Bond awarded from the Grand Lodge Director's Drug Awareness Program.

8. Only one winner from each State will be considered for the National contest.

Please note! Essays are to be submitted in a file folder only, **do not change or modify it in any manner.**

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

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 (available on the www.chea-elks.org/drugawareness.html).