

Connecticut Elks

LODGE COMPETITION:

Enclosed is the necessary information for you and your lodge drug awareness committee to sponsor and conduct the annual Poster, Essay and Video Contests. Contest Due Dates must be followed.

- Each lodge will select the top four in each grade level using a committee of their choice.
- Lodge judging **MUST** be completed and the top 4 winners in each level **MUST** be forwarded **to your District Chairman by March 1, 2022.**
- Each lodge is responsible for notifying the winners in your local competition. Prizes are the responsibility of the local lodge.

DISTRICT COMPETITION:

- District judging **MUST** be completed with the top 4 winners in each grade level **forwarded to the State Chairman by March 15, 2022.**
- No prizes are awarded for District winners.

STATE COMPETITION:

- **State judging will be at a time to be set by the State Chair.** The top four winners will receive certificates and a gift from the State Association.
- Entries who do not win the top 4 positions in their grade will receive an honorable mention certificate.
- One overall state poster winner will be selected and forwarded for consideration in the national Elks coloring book. One overall essay and one overall video winner will be selected and forwarded for National recognition, and possibly used on the Elks website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

WINNERS:

All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association and may not be returned.



Drug Awareness Program Poster, Essay and Video Contests 2021-22



Theme:

“The Best Me Is Drug Free!”

For more information, go to ctelks.org, click on the drug awareness contest link, and follow the instructions.

2021-22 THEME:

“ The Best Me Is Drug Free! ”

Judging in all categories will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure
- Positive message
- Age/language appropriateness
- Copyrighted characters are prohibited in the poster and essay contests and will subject the entry to disqualification

Each entry must have the following information on the BACK of the poster/essay or submitted with the video:

- Student's full name and address (or group name for video)
- School location, grade, teacher, and age of entrant(s)
- Student's (or parent/guardian's) phonenumber
- Local Elks Lodge name
- Video entries must be accompanied by a DAP Video Entry/Parental Release Form

DUE DATE:

Return all entries to your local Elks lodge drug awareness chairman by **FEBRUARY 14, 2022**, or submit on line by going to ctelks.org, click on the drug awareness contest link, and follow the instructions found there.

One overall state winner for each of the contests will be selected and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Elks for consideration for a national award. The state poster contest winning entry will be considered for inclusion in the national Elks coloring book, and all state winners may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or possibly used in ENF or DAP publications.

We encourage you to visit our website and use the tools found there in your classrooms. There are drug awareness quizzes, public service announcements, pages from past coloring books, a sample video entry and so much more about alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse, bullying, and texting while driving that you can use to send the message “**The Best Me Is Drug Free!** “. Let us help you to help them make the right choices!



Poster Contest Rules

Contest open to all
3rd, 4th & 5th grade students

POSTER PAPER:

The entry must be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. The complete rules are listed on the back of each poster.



Essay Contest Rules

Contest open to all
6th, 7th & 8th grade students

Participants must write their message themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

- Length: no longer than 250 words, handwritten or computer generated -
- Paper size: 8 ½ "x 11" white, lined or unlined



Video Contest Rules

Contest open to two age groups:
Pre High School(grades 4-8), and High School

- participants may be an individual or a group
- submission should be on a labeled flash drive or other similar media
- entries should be 2-5 minutes duration
- the video should deliver an anti-abuse message
- all entries must be submitted with a DAP Video Entry/Parental Release Form