



# Connecticut Elks Association Drug Awareness Essay Contest Rules Teacher Information

Contest open to all  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

2018-19 THEME:

## “ Drugs Take Away .....”

Participants must write their message themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas. Encourage them to consider how the theme relates to drug awareness. (What do drugs take away? Have you or someone you know had something taken from them because of drugs? How do drugs negatively impact people's lives?)

Length: no longer than 250 words  
Paper size: 8 ½ “x 11” white, lined or unlined  
Text: hand written or computer generated

### Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Originality
- Positive anti-abuse message
- Neatness
- Correct grammatical structure
- Age/language appropriateness

### Each entry must have the following information printed on the BACK of the essay:

1. Student's full name and full address
2. Student's age
3. Student's phone number (winning entries will be notified)
4. Student's school, location, and grade
5. Local Elks lodge name

### DUE DATE:

Please return your essay to your local Elks lodge by February 14, 2019.

### WINNERS:

Each lodge will select the top four in each grade, using the criteria listed above. The local lodges will notify local winners. Winning essays will be sent to District Competition. District winners will compete at the state level. The top four essays at the state level will receive a certificate and gift from the State Association. All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association and may not be returned.

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For additional information on drug awareness please visit the Elks National web page at: <http://www.elks.org/dap/default.cfm> OR the Elks Kidszone at [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) OR the CT Elks web page at: <http://ctelks.org/ourprograms/79-ourprograms/212-drugawareness>.