



Connecticut Elks Association Drug Awareness Essay Contest Rules Teacher Information

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

2015-16 THEME:

“ Just Don’t Do It “

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
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, 2016**.

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 six 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.

For additional information on drug awareness, FREE quiz and FREE materials about illicit drug use, please go to the Elks National web page at:

<http://www.elks.org/dap/default.cfm> OR to the Elks Kidszone at www.elkskidszone.org OR the CT Elks web page at:

<http://ctelks.org/ourprograms/79-ourprograms/212-drugawareness>.