



Connecticut Elks Association

Drug Awareness Program

Essay Contest Information

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

2021-22 Theme:

“The Best Me Is Drug Free!”

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.

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, 2022**, or submit entry on line by going to ctelks.org, clicking on the drug awareness contest link, and following the instructions found there.

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.

For additional information on drug awareness please visit the Elks National web page at: elks.org/dap OR the Elks Kidszone at elkskidszone.org OR the Elks Teen Zone at elksteenzone.org OR go to the ctelks.org web page, select “Our Programs” at the left margin, then click on “Drug Awareness” .