Elks Drug Awareness Program

National Poster & Essay Contest

2026-2027: A Healthy me is Drug Free

Winners Announcement & Award Distribution:
Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Convention. Award Certificate and gift card will be mailed to each State Chairperson for presentation to the winners.

Submission Requirements

Poster Contest

- Eligible Participants: Students in 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade.
- Poster Specifications: Standard U.S. Letter (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
- Poster must be original student work.

Essay Contest

- Eligible Participants: Students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade.
- Paper Size: Standard U.S. Letter (8 1/2 x 11 inches).
- Maximum length: 250 words. Essays must be typed or neatly handwritten.
- Essays must be the original student work.

State Chairperson: Mail Poster & Essay Entries by April 1 to:

Henry L Farnum
904 Costigan Drive
Newport News, VA 23608

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National Poster & Essay Contest Entry Form

Title of Entry

Entrant Information

Contact Name

School

Grade

Address

Phone

Email Address

Lodge Name & #

Parent(s) Name(s)

Mother

Father

Or Legal Guardian(s)

Name of Individual to appear on certificate and credits:

Please confirm the following:

- ☐ Entry is age and language appropriate.
- ☐ Essays should not exceed 200 words; handwritten, typed or printed.
- ☐ Poster size should be 8-1/2 by 11-inch paper.
- ☐ Entry is an original; it is not a copycat or previously entered entry.
- ☐ Entry should contain an anti-abuse message.
- ☐ No ChatGPT/GPT, LLM, or any other forms of Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning is allowed. The poster or essay produced must be created entirely by the contestant on the entry form.
- ☐ Entry should be based on the theme. If not, please provide a reason below:

All minors (anyone under 18 years old) must have permission from their parents. Parents must consent and agree to the use of the individual's name, photo, and entry in all Elks materials such as the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, *The Elks Magazine* or other Elks' publications, websites or other digital or print mediums.

_____	_____
Name of Student	Parent Name & Signature

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National Essay, Poster & Video Contest
Parental Consent Form

My child _____ has my permission to submit an entry to the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Poster, Essay, and/or Video Contest.

I hereby give consent to the use of his/her name, photo, Video, Poster, and/or Essay in the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, The Elks Magazine, or other Elks' publications, or websites (including all forms of media) in furthering the programs and works of charity for the Order of Elks.

I further consent and agree that the Essay/Poster/Video shall become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America.

_____
Date

_____ _____
Parent Name Witness Name

_____ _____
Parent Signature Witness Signature

This document is required to be signed and dated by the parent/guardian for any person under the age of 18.