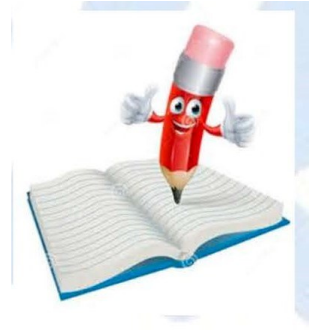


# Drug Awareness Essay

## Contest



Get creative and show your writing skills by participating in our Drug Awareness Essay Contest. The rules are easy, just write using this year's theme:

**“The best me is Drug Free”**

Rules:

- **The contest is open** to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
- Participants must write their essay 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 1/2” x 11”
- **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed
- **Judging will be based on the following:**
  - Closeness to theme
  - Neatness
  - Originality
  - Correct grammatical structure
- **Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:**
  - Student's full name
  - School, location, grade
  - Elks lodge name
- **Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement**
- **Deadline to your nearest Elks Lodge: December 15**

**Winners:** Each lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

**National Recognition:** Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the annual National contest and may also be featured on the [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

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