ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION
Drug Awareness ESSAY Contest
2020 Rules

Theme:

Participants use the theme "**Drug Abuse?, No Excuse!**".

Rules:

- All entries must be original work of the student.
- The following information MUST appear on the back of each entry:
    1. Full Name of Student, & Grade
    2. Student Home Address
    3. Student Phone Number
    4. School Name and Teacher Name.
    5. Lodge Name and Number – **Provide Lodge Name & Number**.
- Grade Divisions:
    6th, 7th, and 8th Grades - Prizes are given for each grade.

Participants must write their essay themselves, but they may receive 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:** Hand written, typed or printed.

The local Elks Lodge will select the top essays in each Grade. Winning grade entries will be forwarded to AEA District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to AEA State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Arizona State Elks Association, and will not be returned.

Judging Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to judge the entrants:

1. Closeness to the contest Theme.
2. Neatness
3. Originality, Uniqueness, Reflects creative thinking.
4. Correct Grammatical Structure
5. Spelling

Essay Dates:

August, 2020 - Information given to lodges and schools
September – October, 2020 – Contest runs in each school
November, 2020 – Local Lodge judge entries and pick Grade winners
December, 2020 – AEA District judging
February, 2021 – District winners are judged for AEA State awards