

ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION
Drug Awareness ESSAY Contest
2023 Rules

Theme:

Participants use the theme “**Be Kind To Your Mind – Live Drug Free**”.

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:** Handwritten, 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 2023 - Information given to lodges and schools

September – October 2023 – Contest runs in each school

November 2023 – Local Lodge judge entries and pick Grade winners

December 2023 – AEA District judging

February 2024 – District winners are judged for AEA State awards