

# Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for 2018-2019 is:

**“Drugs Take Away .....**”

## Rules:

The contest is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** Standard 8 ½ by 11

**Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed

## Judging will be based on the following:

Closeness to the theme

Neatness

Originality

Correct grammatical structure

***The entry must include the following information on the back of the essay. Please print clearly.***

***1. Student's full name***

***2. Student's address***

***3. Student's phone number (Elks winning entries will be notified)***

***4. School, Location, grade and Teacher's name***

***5. Name and number of sponsoring Elks Lodge***

***6. Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless Agreement***

## Due Date:

**All entries must be submitted to your local lodge by February 1, 2019 to be judged.**

**After local judging, mail first place winning essays only to:**

Rod Deuel 1260 Idaho Street Superior, NE 68978

If you have questions, please contact Rod Deuel @ 402-879-5144

or @ [rxman86@gtmc.net](mailto:rxman86@gtmc.net)

**Winners:**

Each Elks Lodge will select the top essays using the criteria listed above. The winning essay will then be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the State Elks Association, and may not be returned. You may want to make a copy of the essay to keep.

Lodges will be responsible for giving their own awards.

The State Drug Awareness Committee will choose the first, second and third place State winners in each grade. First Place will receive a \$50 check, Second Place a \$25 check and Third Place a \$25 check. Prizes may vary depending on number of entrants. (Total Prize Value is \$300). The three First Place winners will be judged and the Overall Winner will be submitted for entry into the National Contest and may be featured on the [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) website and/or in ENF and DAP Publications.

There will be one National Essay Contest Winner who will receive a gift certificate from the Drug Awareness Program (value = \$300).