

ESSAY CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR LODGES

After your local judging and by March 1, 2024, mail all winning essays to:
Bill Koller 4080 N Point Cir Grand Island, NE 68803-3840
If you have questions, please call 402-617-1777
or email neeklsdap@gmail.com

All entries for National judging need to be sent to William J. Bryan at:

**366 Vermont Route 313W
Arlington, Vermont 05250**

by April 1 of each year.

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 gift card, Second Place a \$25 gift card and Third Place a \$25 gift card. The three First Place winners will be judged, and the Overall Winner will receive a Kindle Fire and be submitted for entry into the National Contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF and DAP Publications.

There will be one National Essay Contest Winner per state who will receive a gift certificate from the National Drug Awareness Program.