

# Connecticut Elks



## Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contests 2017-18



### **LODGE COMPETITION:**

Enclosed is the necessary information for you and your lodge drug awareness committee to sponsor and conduct the annual Poster, Essay and Video Contests. Contest Due Dates must be followed.

- Each lodge will select the top four in each grade level using a committee of their choice.
- Lodge judging **MUST** be completed and the top 4 winners in each level **MUST** be forwarded to your District Chairman by **March 1, 2018**.
- Each lodge is responsible for notifying the winners in your local competition. Prizes are the responsibility of the local lodge.

### **DISTRICT COMPETITION:**

- District judging **MUST** be completed with the top 4 winners in each grade level forwarded to the State Chairman by **March 18, 2018**.
- No prizes are awarded for District winners.

### **STATE COMPETITION:**

- **State judging will be March 24, 2018**. The top four winners will receive certificates and a gift from the State Association.
- Entries who do not win the top 4 positions in their grade will receive an honorable mention certificate.
- One overall state poster winner will be selected and forwarded for consideration in the national Elks coloring book. One overall essay and one overall video winner will be selected and forwarded for National recognition, and possibly used on the Elks website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

### **WINNERS:**

All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association and may not be returned.

Theme:

**“What Heroes Do”**

For more information, visit <http://www.elks.org/dap/contests.cfm>  
or contact your local Elk Lodge.

## 2017-18 THEME:

# “ What Heroes Do ”

Judging in all categories will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
  - Neatness
  - Originality
  - Correct grammatical structure
  - Positive message
  - Age/language appropriateness
  - Copyrighted characters are prohibited in the poster and essay contests and will subject the entry to disqualification
- Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster/essay or submitted with the video:
- a. Student's full name and address (or group name for video)
  - b. School location, grade, teacher, and age of entrant(s)
  - c. Student's (or parent/guardian's) phone number
  - d. Local Elks Lodge name
  - e. Video entries must be accompanied by a DAP Video Entry/Parental Release Form

### DUE DATE:

Return all entries to your local Elks lodge drug awareness chairman by  12-7-17

One overall state winner for each of the contests will be selected and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Elks for consideration for a national award. The state poster contest winning entry will be considered for inclusion in the national Elks coloring book, and all state winners may be featured on the [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) website and/or possibly used in ENF or DAP publications.

We encourage you to visit our website and use the tools found there in your classrooms. There are drug awareness quizzes, public service announcements, pages from past coloring books, a sample video entry and so much more about alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse, bullying, and texting while driving that you can use to send the message “What Heroes Do”. Let us help you to help them make the right choices!



## Poster Contest Rules

Contest open to all

### 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

#### POSTER PAPER:

The entry must be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. The complete rules are listed on the back of each poster.



## Essay Contest Rules

Contest open to all

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Participants must write their message themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

- Length: no longer than 250 words, handwritten or computer generated -
- Paper size: 8 1/2 "x 11" white, lined or unlined



## Video Contest Rules

Contest open to three age groups:

### Pre High School(grades 4-8), High School & Post Grad

- participants may be an individual or a group
- submission should be on a labeled flash drive or other similar media
- entries should be 2-5 minutes duration
- the video should deliver an anti-abuse message
- all entries must be submitted with a DAP Video Entry/Parental Release Form



# Connecticut Elks Association Drug Awareness Essay Contest Rules Teacher Information

Contest open to all  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

2017-18 THEME:

## “ What Heroes Do ”

Participants must write their message themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas. Encourage them to consider how the theme relates to drug awareness. (What do heroes do to fight drug abuse?) Remind them heroes aren't always adults; perhaps they have a friend or family member who is a hero in the fight against drug/alcohol abuse.

Length: no longer than 250 words  
Paper size: 8 ½ "x 11" white, lined or unlined  
Text: hand written or computer generated

### Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Originality
- Positive anti-abuse message
- Neatness
- Correct grammatical structure
- Age/language appropriateness

### Each entry must have the following information printed on the back of the essay:

1. Student's full name and full address
2. Student's age
3. Student's phone number (winning entries will be notified)
4. Student's school, location, and grade
5. Local Elks lodge name

### DUE DATE:

Please return your essay to your local Elks lodge by ~~February 14, 2018~~ 12-7-17

### WINNERS:

Each lodge will select the top four in each grade, using the criteria listed above. The local lodges will notify local winners. Winning essays will be sent to District Competition. District winners will compete at the state level. The top four essays at the state level will receive a certificate and gift from the State Association. All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association and may not be returned.

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For additional information on drug awareness please visit the Elks National web page at: <http://www.elks.org/dap/default.cfm> OR the Elks Kidszone at [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) OR the CT Elks web page at: <http://ctelks.org/ourprograms/79-ourprograms/212-drugawareness>.



# Connecticut Elks Association Drug Awareness Video Contest Rules Teacher Information



Contest open to three age groups:  
Pre High School (grades 4-8), High School  
and Post Grad Students

2017-18 THEME:

## “ What Heroes Do ”

Participants must format and record their message themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas. Entrants may be individuals or groups. Entries should consider the theme. (What do heroes do to fight drug abuse?) Keep in mind, heroes aren't always adults. Perhaps they have a friend or family member who is a hero in the fight against drug/alcohol abuse

Length: 2 - 5 minutes

Media: Labeled flash drive or other similar media

### Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Originality
- Positive anti-abuse message
- Age/language appropriateness

### Each entry must have the following information submitted with the video:

1. Student's full name(s) and full address(es)
2. Student's age(s)
3. Student's phone number(s) (winning entries will be notified)
4. Student's school, location, and grade
5. Local Elks lodge name
6. DAP Video Entry/Parental Release Form

### DUE DATE:

Please return your video to your local Elks lodge by ~~February 14, 2018~~ **12-7-17**

### WINNERS:

Each lodge will select the top four in each category, using the criteria listed above. The local lodges will notify local winners. Winning videos will be sent to District Competition. District winners will compete at the state level. The top four videos in each category at the state level will receive a certificate and gift from the State Association. All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association and may not be returned.

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## Drug Awareness Program Video Contest Entry and Parental release form

*Please provide a brief one-paragraph synopsis (50-200 words) of the entry.*

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- Entry must be age and language appropriate
- Entry should be original
- Entry should contain an anti-abuse message
- Entry should be based on the theme
- Hold Harmless agreement must also be completed

**YOUR REQUIRED PARENT'S SIGNATURE DENOTES ACCEPTANCE OF CONTEST RULES AND APPROVAL OF ENTRANT'S PARTICIPATION:**

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY MINORS IN VIDEO MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM PARENTS:**

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

- IF ADDITIONAL MINORS ARE FEATURED IN THE VIDEO, PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS PAGE AND ATTACH WITH ENTRY FROM.



## Drug Awareness Program Video Contest Entry and Parental release form

TITLE OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

RUNNING TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Format: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRANT INFORMATION:

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

***Your E-Mail address (very important):***

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**PARENT(S) NAME(s): (please print)**

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**\*\*\*\*Name of Individual/group to appear on certificate and credits\*\*\*\***

**YOU MUST FILL THIS IN!**

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