

Elks Drug Awareness Program

National Video Contest Entry Form

2025-2026: Drugs are a Grave Mistake



Participation Rules:

- **Age Categories:**
 - Pre-High School
 - High School
- **Participants:** May consist of individual entrants or groups.
- **Video Duration:** Submissions must be between 2 and 5 minutes.
- **Submission Format:** Videos should be submitted on a Flash Drive or similar portable media in a widely compatible format. Accepted formats: MP4, MOV, or AVI (send your best quality!).

Judging will be based on the following:

- Relevance to the contest theme.
- Presentation neatness.
- Creativity and originality.
- Age-appropriateness and suitable language.
- The positivity of the message conveyed.
- Overall video quality (clarity, sound, editing).

Each entry must have the following information attached on the back of each essay, please ensure the inclusion of:

- Full name of Student (s) or group.
- School, location, and grade level.
- Name of the sponsoring Elks Lodge.
- National Essay Contest Entry Form
- Parental Consent Form

Copyrighted characters are prohibited:

Entries containing copyrighted material will be disqualified.

Due date:

January 20, 2026.

Winners:

Each lodge will select a winner, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning posters will be forwarded to the District Chairperson for the District Level Competition. District winners will be forwarded to the State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and may not be returned.

National recognition:

Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the annual National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP Coloring Book. Winning Posters may also be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website – online coloring book and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

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Title of Entry _____

Running Time _____

Submission Format _____
ONLY a flash drive or YouTube/Vimeo/Dropbox link that allows downloading of the video, will be accepted.

Entrant Information

Contact Name _____

School _____

Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Lodge Name & # _____

Parent(s) Name(s)

Mother _____

Father _____

Or Legal Guardian(s) _____

Name of Individual(s) or Group to appear on certificate and credits:

In the event your video is a winner, who will receive the gift card

The person receiving the card is expected to divide it between those who were involved in making the video.

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

Please confirm the following:

- ☐ Entry is age and language appropriate.
- ☐ Entry is an original; it is not a copycat or previously entered entry.
- ☐ Entry should contain an anti-abuse message between 1 and 5 minutes long.
- ☐ No ChatGPT/GPT, LLM, or any other forms of Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning is allowed. The video produced must be created entirely by the contestant(s) on the entry form.
- ☐ Entry should be based on the theme. If not, please provide a reason below

All minors (anyone under 18 years old) must have permission from their parents. Parents must consent and agree to the use of the individual’s name, photo, and entry in all Elks materials such as the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, The Elks Magazine or other Elks’ publications, websites or other digital or print mediums.

Name of Student	Parent Name & Signature
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For additional minors featured in the video, please make copies of this page, and attach with the entry form

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National Essay, Poster & Video Contest

Parental Consent Form



My child _____, has my permission to submit an entry to the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Poster, Essay, and/or Video Contest.

I hereby give consent to the use of his/her name, photo, Video, Poster, and/or Essay in the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, The Elks Magazine, or other Elks' publications, or websites (including all forms of media) in furthering the programs and works of charity for the Order of Elks.

I further consent and agree that the Essay/Poster/Video shall become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Witness Name

Witness Signature

This document is required to be signed and dated by the parent/guardian for any person under the age of 18.