



ENF Legacy Awards 2012 Contest FAQ Sheet

Based on the principle that charity should begin at home, in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards were established to help Elks families overcome the struggle with the rising cost of a college education.

In 2008, the ENF Board of Trustees wanted to do even more to help Elks families. So it doubled the funding for the Legacy Awards, changing the scholarship from a \$1,000 to a \$4,000 award!

Now, through its three scholarship programs, the Elks National Foundation awards more than \$3.6 million a year in college scholarships.

Legacy Awards applications are available online only at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Following are answers to common questions about the Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards scholarship contest.

Who is eligible?

1. Any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2009, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2009, is eligible to apply. The Elk must be a paid-up member through March 31, 2012. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online. Go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars to start the application process.
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elks members, the applicant must use the parent as a sponsor.
5. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may receive only one. In cases where the student qualifies for more than one, we award the scholarship with the greater value.
6. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited U.S. schools, colleges or universities and cannot be used for vocational-technical schools. (**Note:** Applicants from Panama and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)
7. Applicants must take the SAT or the ACT by December 31, 2011.

How many scholarships will you award, and who will I compete against?

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships issued over four years. The Foundation offers a total of 250 awards.

Children and grandchildren compete separately against other children and grandchildren in their state. Each state is eligible to receive a number of awards based on its past support of the Elks National Foundation. Each state's quota is divided evenly among children and grandchildren. In states where the quota is an uneven number, the extra award is allocated to children of Elks.

Who selects the Legacy Award winners?

The Selection Committee consists of professionals who are not affiliated with either the Elks National Foundation or the B.P.O. Elks of the U.S.A, appointed periodically by the ENF Trustees. The Selection Committee is responsible for the confidential review of each applicant's file. They determine the Legacy Awards recipients. All decisions of the national judges are final.

How will applications be judged?

The ENF Legacy Awards contest provides educational assistance to children and grandchildren of Elks who are high school seniors, going on to college, and exhibit the core values of the Elks National Foundation:

- Knowledge
- Charity
- Community
- Integrity

The Selection Committee will judge applications based on the values above.

There will be no further investigation of the prospective students or their parents with respect to financial need or other personal matters.

How do I apply, and what are the deadlines?

1. The Legacy Awards Applications are available online only at the Elks website, www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Students submit the application online as well.
2. The student must complete and submit the online application no later than **February 1, 2012**.
3. The Elks sponsor's membership is verified through the BPOE Grand Lodge headquarters.
4. When a student registers to complete the online application, both the applicant and Lodge Secretary will be notified by email.

Note: Because the contest begins in one Lodge year and the winners are announced in the next, a Legacy Award could go to the child or grandchild of a lapsed member. An applicant's Elks parent or grandparent must be a paid-up member in good standing at the time of application, but if the Elk chooses not to renew membership, that decision will **not** affect the outcome of the Legacy Awards contest.

How will the awards be administered?

Winners are announced in April each year.

The award becomes final when the student accepts it and enrolls in an accredited U.S. school, college or university. The award money is apportioned equally by period (semester, trimester, quarter, etc.). Legacy Awards are evidenced by a Certificate of Award issued by the Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation. All checks are paid directly to the school; under no circumstance is the payment made directly to the student.

The scholarship may be used for the student's cost of attendance. In order to receive payment, a student must have the school send a completed Verification of Enrollment form to our Chicago office. We will then issue our check, payable to the school, and mail it

directly to the school to establish a credit in the name of the student. We will notify the student when we mail the check. This form must be completed each year.

If a student leaves school for any reason, the undisbursed balance of the scholarship **must** be returned directly to the Foundation's Chicago office. It may **not** be transferred to another school, and it may **not** be paid to the student personally.

In all of our scholarship programs, it is the responsibility of the student to follow up on all matters relating to his or her scholarship.

Why apply for an Elks National Foundation scholarship?

ENF scholarships are more than just monetary awards. The ENF offers various opportunities for Elks scholars to get involved with the Elks, the ENF and each other. The following are just a few opportunities available for Elks scholars.

- **Elks Scholar Speakers:** Interested Elks scholars visit a Lodge near them to speak to the members about their college experiences and beyond, and thank them for investing in their future.
- **Elks Scholar Month of Service:** During April, Elks scholars across the country come together to volunteer in the name of the Elks.
- **Elks Scholar Volunteers:** Elks scholars' commitment to service doesn't end when they receive a scholarship. That is why the ENF pairs interested scholars with a Lodge near them to assist with charitable Lodge projects, such as a drug awareness event or a Hoop Shoot contest.

To learn more about all the opportunities for Elks scholars, visit www.elks.org/enf/elksscholars.

Where can I get more information about the Legacy Awards contest or the Elks National Foundation?

 Write us:

**Elks National Foundation
Scholarship Office
2750 N. Lakeview Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614-2256**

 Email us:

scholarship@elks.org

 Visit us online:

www.elks.org/enf/scholars

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2012 Award Offers Per State and Area

The Foundation offers a total of 250 awards. The following reflects the *maximum* number of awards a state or area will receive in 2012.

<u>State/Area</u>	<u>No. of Awards</u>	<u>State/Area</u>	<u>No. of Awards</u>
Alabama	3	Nevada	6
Alaska	7	New Hampshire	3
Arizona	6	New Jersey	10
Arkansas	3	New Mexico	4
California-Hawaii	18	New York	9
Colorado	6	North Carolina	4
Connecticut	5	North Dakota	2
Florida	11	Ohio	6
Georgia	3	Oklahoma	3
Guam	1	Oregon	6
Idaho	3	Panama	1
Illinois	11	Pennsylvania	6
Indiana	5	Philippines	1
Iowa	3	Puerto Rico	1
Kansas	3	Rhode Island	3
Kentucky	3	South Carolina	3
Louisiana	2	South Dakota	3
Maine	4	Tennessee	3
Maryland, Delaware & DC	6	Texas	6
Massachusetts	6	Utah	3
Michigan	5	Vermont	3
Minnesota	4	Virginia	4
Mississippi	3	Washington	6
Missouri	5	West Virginia	12
Montana	3	Wisconsin	5
Nebraska	3	Wyoming	3
		Total	250