

## ELKS DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST

The Theme for the 2014-2015 contest is: **“Refuse to Use..... You’re Never Alone”**

### **RULES**

**The contest is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8th 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 100 words
- **Paper size:** 8 ½ “ x 11”
- **Text:** Hand written or hand printed; (no typed or computer generated text.)

**Judging will be based on the following:**

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

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

- ❖ Student’s full name
- ❖ Student’s address
- ❖ Student’s phone number (Elk’s winning entries will be notified)
- ❖ School, location, grade
- ❖ Elk’s lodge name

**Due date:**

**Lodge winners to District Chairman by January 30, 2015**

**District winners to State Chairman by February 20, 2015**

**Winners:** Each Elk’s lodge will select the top essays in each grade level, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to District competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level competition. All winning entries become the property of the State Elk’s Association, and may not be returned. The State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose an overall winner.

The overall winner will be required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement Waiver prior to being designated as the winner of the Essay Contest; the waiver form will be provided at the conclusion of the judging.