



ESSAY CONTEST
SPONSORED BY
THE INDIANA ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

CONTEST RULES

The Annual Student Essay Contest shall be conducted in strict compliance with the following rules:

1. The essay shall consist of 400 words or less, typewritten on plain white paper, and shall answer the question:

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE CITIZENS OF INDIANA
NEVER FORGET OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS?
(This must be the title of the Essay)**

2. The contest is open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12 who are attending an accredited Indiana High School, except for previous FIRST PLACE WINNERS in this contest at either the lodge level or the state level.
3. Entries must be submitted to the nearest lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.
4. Entries will be accepted from September 15 through February 15. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form, signed by the parent or guardian and the student.
5. The Essays will be judged and the writer of the first place essay at each lodge will be awarded \$50.00 by the sponsoring Lodge.
6. The first place winner from each Lodge will be entered in the statewide competition and the grand winner will be awarded \$500.00 and expenses to attend the Elks State Convention in June by the National Veterans Service Committee of the Indiana Elks Association, Inc. Announcement of the winning Essay will be made at the Indiana Elks State Convention meeting in June. The location of which will be announced annually.
7. In all cases the decision of the judges will be final and all entries will become the property of the sponsoring Elks Lodge and or the Indiana Elks Association Inc, Veterans Service Committee.

Amended June 2014

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN INDIANA
B.P.O. ELKS VETERANS COMMITTEE
ESSAY CONTEST

NAME _____
STUDENT

ADDRESS _____
STREET

_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE _____ Email _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____
NAME

ADDRESS _____
STREET

_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

GRADE _____

I understand that the decision of the Judges
will be final and that all entries become the
property of the sponsoring Elks Lodge and the
Indiana Elks Association, Inc.

SIGNED _____
STUDENT DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN DATE

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(To be completed by sponsoring Elks Lodge)

LODGE _____
NAME NUMBER DATE

THIS ESSAY IS THE _____ PLACE LODGE WINNER

TOTAL ENTRIES IN THE LODGE CONTEST _____

TOTAL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING _____

SIGNED _____
EXALTED RULER LODGE VETERAN SERVICE COMMITTEE CHMN

(Mail your FIRST PLACE Essay and this form to the State National Veteran Service
Committee by **March, 1st.**)

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