

**Elks  
Drug Awareness Poster Contest  
Rules**

**Theme:**

Participants may select any theme related to Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco abuse.

**General:**

- \* All entries must be original work of the student.
- \* The following information **MUST** appear on the back of each entry:  
Name, age, grade division, School Name and Teacher name.  
Name and number of the Lodge submitting the entry.
- \* Grade divisions:  
K-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8.
- \* Standard size:  
Smallest - - 11" x 17", Largest - - 16" x 20"
- \* The poster design may be in any medium including water color, crayon, acrylic, pencil, ink, magic marker or collage.
- \* No wood, plastic, metal, glass or other breakable materials will be allowed.
- \* Poster must be on quality poster, illustration or tag board, or neatly mounted on some kind of sturdy backing. However the dimensions of mounted posters must still meet the poster size requirements shown above.
- \* Participants may submit poster entries which are cartoons. The cartoons must be standard poster size (as defined above) and be prepared in any medium. Cartoons may consist of 1 to 4 frames. All other poster requirements also apply to cartoons.

**Lodge Drug Awareness Committee Chairman:**

Participating Elks Lodges are encouraged to conduct their own local contest to select winners complying with the rules for their local contest. Prizes for local winners will be provided by the local lodge and are frequently contributed by local merchants. Each lodge will select one poster from each grade division that best meets the contest criteria listed above and forward it to the respective District Drug

Awareness Chairman for District judging.

### **District Chairman:**

The District Chairman from each district will select one poster from each grade division best meeting the contest criteria from the entries submitted by the district lodges. These district winners will be forwarded to the AEA Drug Awareness Committee Chairman for judging at the state level.

### **Poster Judging:**

Posters submitted by the District Chairman will be prominently displayed during the Midyear AEA meeting. Attendees at the Midyear meeting will cast their vote for the posters they think best meet the contest criteria. The poster contest winners will be announced during the last session on the midyear meeting. The AEA Drug Awareness Committee will select a winner from the four 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. This poster will be submitted to the National Director for Drug Awareness as an entry in the National Coloring Book Contest.

### **Poster Due Dates:**

The schedule for the poster contest is as follows:

May/June - - - Lodge Chairman get information to the schools

September - - 1. Completed posters due to respective lodges.  
2. Lodge Level Poster Contest Winners due to District Chairman (Date set by District Chairman)

October - - - 1. District Level Poster Contest winners due to State Chairman. (Date set by State Chairman)

2. Midyear Meeting AEA, Poster Contest Winners

announced.

### **Judging Criteria:**

The following criteria will be used to judge the entrants:

- \* Originality, uniqueness, reflects creative thinking.
- \* Style, expression (attractiveness, use of color, artistic ability, etc.)
- \* Appropriateness and relationship to the contest theme.
- \* Degree of visual impact..

**Awards:**

The Exalted Ruler of the Lodges submitting the winning posters will be presented awards to be determined by the AEA Drug Awareness Committee.

The Exalted Rulers of the Lodged submitting the winning posters are encouraged to conduct appropriate awards ceremonies within their Lodges to present the awards.