



# Essay Contest

## “What Makes You Proud of America”

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America

### RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

Judging criteria:

Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points

Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points

Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 points

There are two divisions for judging essays:

Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)

Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

### AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in St. Louis, Missouri, June 30-July 3, 2019.

### ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2018.

*The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.*



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