

**Massachusetts Elks Association, Inc.**  
**Drug Awareness Program**

**RULES FOR THE DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST**

The Massachusetts Elks Association's Drug Awareness program is proud to announce the twenty-first annual state wide essay and poster contest. The theme is "GET SMART -- DON'T START." The contests are open to both boys and girls attending public or private schools in two categories.

**CATEGORY 1** -- Grades 3, 4 and 5 Poster Contest only.

**CATEGORY 2** -- Grades 6, 7 and 8 Essay Contest only.

**GUIDELINES FOR ALL ENTRIES**

1. All entries must be submitted to the local Elks Lodge by **February 1, 2009**.
2. All entries will become the property of the Massachusetts Elks Association.
3. All entries must contain the following information on the reverse side of the poster or essay.
  - A. Name, address, and telephone number of the participant.
  - B. Name and address of the school.
  - C. Indicate whether the participant is male or female.
  - D. Name of the sponsoring Elks Lodge.

**POSTER GUIDELINES:**

1. Standard Letter size 8 1/2" x 11"
2. Must relate to the theme of the contest, "GET SMART -- DON'T START."

**ESSAY GUIDELINES:**

1. Must be legible but not necessarily typed.
2. Limited to 250 words or less.

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED BY:**

**LODGE:** Entries will be judged by the local Elks Lodge on originality and how well they relate to the theme. Four winners will be selected, one boy and one girl from each category and they will be eligible to compete with other winners in the District. Each Lodge is responsible for providing a prize of their choice to the winners from their Lodge.

**DISTRICT:** Entries must be received no later than March 1, 2009 by the District Chairman. Four winners will be selected, one boy and one girl from each category to compete in the State Finals. Plaques will be awarded to each of the District winners.

**STATE:** Entries must be received no later than April 1, 2009. Four winners will be selected at the May Regional Meeting, one boy and one girl from each category. Each will receive a multi-speed mountain bike with helmet.

**LODGE CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_