

2011 – 2012 NCSEA Americanism Essay Contest

Theme:

“Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag”

Sponsored by Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the USA

RULES:

- 1) Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade during the normal 2011-2012 school year preceding June 30, 2012.
- 2) Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
- 3) Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
- 4) Essay must be submitted for judging to the Sponsoring Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- 5) Participant must be identified by name, home address, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on essay. (*Lodge may enter lodge information on Essay*)
- 6) 2011-2012 Americanism Essay Cover Sheet must be attached to essay.

Judging criteria:

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

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

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

ENTRY DATE: on or before February 1st, 2012

LODGE Americanism Chair submit 3 Essays in Division I & 3 Essays in Division II
[Do not mark essay as 1st, 2nd, 3rd - list winners on Lodge Americanism Contest Report Form]

SUBMIT TO

NCSEA District Americanism Chair



District Contest AWARDS: **NCSEA East, East Central, West, West Central**

Prizes awarded by the NC State Elks Association for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Winning essays in Division I and Division II as follows:

Division I - 5th & 6th Grades	Division II - 7th & 8th Grades
1st Place \$100 US Savings Bond	1st Place \$100 US Savings Bond
2nd Place \$ 75 US Savings Bond	2nd Place \$75 US Savings Bond
3rd Place \$ 50 US Savings Bond	3rd Place \$50 US Savings Bond

DISTRICT Americanism Chair on or before March 1st, 2012

Submit District 3 Winning essays in each Division I & Division II [Do not mark essay as 1st, 2nd, 3rd - list winners on District Americanism Contest Report Form]

SUBMIT TO

NCSEA Americanism Chair



Prizes awarded by the NC State Elks Association for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

NCSEA State Contest Awards

Winning Essays in Division I and Division II as follows:

Division I - 5th & 6th Grades	Division II - 7th & 8th Grades
1st Place \$300 US Savings Bond	1st Place \$300 US Savings Bond
2nd Place \$200 US Savings Bond	2nd Place \$200 US Savings Bond
3rd Place \$100 US Savings Bond	3rd Place \$100 US Savings Bond



NC Elks State 1st place Winners Division I & II will advance to the Elks National Contest

[1st place State Winners must have Social Security numbers attached]

Elks National Winners will be announced - July 1- 5, 2012 Grand Lodge Session – Austin, TX

Awards National Winning Essays in Division I and Division II as follows:

Division I - 5th & 6th Grades	Division II - 7th & 8th Grades
1st Place \$1,000 US Savings Bond	1st Place \$1,000 US Savings Bond
2nd Place \$500 US Savings Bond	2nd Place \$500 US Savings Bond
3rd Place \$250 US Savings Bond	3rd Place \$250 US Savings Bond