



***Americanism
Essay Contest
2020—2021***

RULES

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4. Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) **by the entrant** (NO corrections by another)
5. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant
6. The COVER PAGE must accompany the submission and have Section 1 completed by entrant (name, grade, school and sponsoring Elk Lodge)

ENTRY DATE

Essay to be submitted to the
nearest Elks Lodge on or before
December 15, 2020



The **Elks** is a membership organization of American men and women helping our communities through charitable works.

Nationally, we enjoy a membership of nearly one million members and a history over 150-years. Our network of more than 2,000 lodges located throughout America support a generous charitable foundation that every year gives millions in scholarships, acts as an inspiration to youth, provides care and entertainment to veterans, seniors and others.

Our Mission

- *Inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity*
- *Recognize a belief in God*
- *Promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members*
- *Quicken the spirit of American patriotism*
- *Cultivate good fellowship*
- *Perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization*
- *Provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.*

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***“How Can
Patriotism Be
Demonstrated?”***

Essay Contest



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



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

Avoid the use of trite or worn-out words and phrases — **30 points**

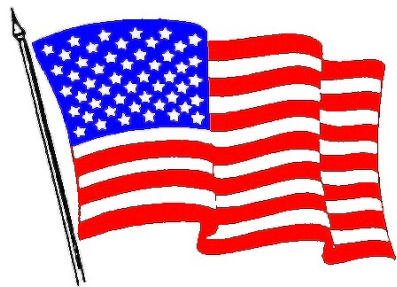
JUDGING DIVISIONS

Division 1

Combined fifth and sixth grades

Division 2

Combined seventh and eighth grades



AWARDS

☆ **Local Prizes** (each division)

First Place — \$100

Second Place — \$75

Third Place — \$50

Honorable Mention — \$25

☆ **Northern California District Prizes**

☆ **State and National opportunities and recognition**

Information and Forms

Essay Contest Chairman — Lodge 1108

Mr. Stewart Munson (PER)

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To Download Forms

<https://www.elks1108.org/post/youth>

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PROCEDURE

The selection committee from Elks Lodge 1108 will review all submitted entries. The top three from each division (six total) will then be forwarded to the Elks District Association Committee by January 31, 2021.

The District Committee will forward the top three submissions from each division (six total) from all local Lodges and forward to the State Americanism Committee by February 28, 2021.

The State Committee will select a First, Second, and Third Place winner from each division (six total).

The State Committee will forward the First Place winner from each division (two) to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator by March 31, 2021.

First, Second and Third Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division 2 will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Tampa, Florida, July 6, 2021. Plaques will be awarded to the winners.



2020-2021 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET



(MUST be attached to each Essay)

“How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade *(Circle or Highlight One Grade)* **Division II: 7th or 8th Grade**

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____ Male Female

Age ____ Grade ____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone(_____) _____ E-mail _____
(used only to contact the winners)

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2020.

Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2021 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2021 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

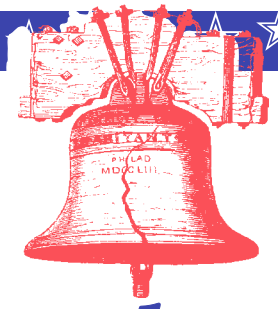
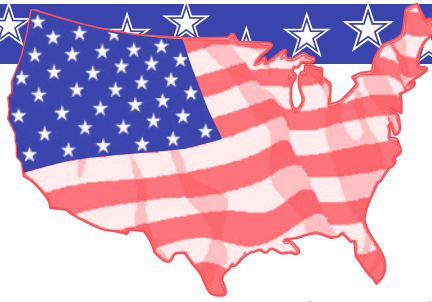
Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, David P. Cioe, by March 31, 2021.



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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 Tampa, FL, July 4-7, 2021.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2020.

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

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: _____ No. _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No. _____

