

Annual Essay Contest
Scholarship Awards
FOR
2011 – 2012

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES
TO BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL LODGE:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

Available to ALL Texas High School Students by:

Texas Elks State Association (TESA)

State Chairperson:

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Applications also available online at TESA website at www.texaselks.org



ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
FOR 2011-2012

Student's Full Name _____
Last First MI

Student's Address _____
Street City Zip

Student's Phone No. ____ (____) _____ Date of Birth _____
(Area Code)

Student's Email Address *(Optional)* _____

Name and Address of School _____

**This contest is open to all currently enrolled TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL students
who are citizens of the United States and residents of Texas.
(For further information, please read ALL instructions carefully.)**

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Entrant in INK

ESSAY TOPIC:

WHY I AM PROUD TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
(INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED)

1. The body of your essay **MUST** be **typewritten, double spaced, on paper approximately 8.5 x 11 inches.**
2. The length of your essay is to be a **minimum of 1,000 words** and a **maximum of 1,500 words.**
3. Include a **letter of certification** from your high school principal or counselor stating that you are currently enrolled as a full time student in a Texas high school.
- 4 Your **essay** along with the **letter of certification MUST** be stapled neatly on the **LEFT** side in a manila folder. (An elaborate brochure is not necessary; however, a careless presentation will definitely jeopardize the applicant’s chances of winning).
5. Staple **ALL THREE (3) PAGES** of the **Official Entry Form** on the **RIGHT** in the manila folder.
6. When you have completed your essay in compliance with the foregoing instructions, send it to the Elks Lodge **nearest your residence.**
7. Each scholarship will be issued in the form of a Certificate of Award by the Texas Elks State Association, conditioned upon the enrollment of the individual as a full-time student in an undergraduate four-year degree program at an accredited junior college, college or university in the State of Texas. The enrollment period will be the calendar year in which the student graduates from high school. The Award will be paid as scholarship funds directly to the school in which the student is enrolled. “Verification of Student Enrollment” and “Special Instructions to the University or College” forms will be provided to the student for use in requesting funds.
8. The Award may be used for tuition, books, student fees, laboratory fees (and room & board, if housed on campus). The scholarship will not cover expenses or payments for an academic year begun prior to July 1 of the year in which the student graduates from high school.
9. The Local Lodge will select **three (3) local winners** and forward their essays **NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2012** to the **TESA Essay Contest Chairperson**, as follows:

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9. Scholarship awards will be presented at the annual convention of the Texas Elks State Association as follows:

First Place.....	\$1,000
Second Place.....	\$ 800
Third Place.....	\$ 500

<i>For LOCAL LODGE use only:</i>		
THIS ENTRY IS FROM _____	Lodge/No _____	
<i>Contest Entrant's Name</i>		
_____	_____	_____
<i>Lodge Essay Contest Chairman Name (Please print)</i>	<i>Contact Phone No. & Email Address</i>	<i>Date</i>
I hereby certify that all instructions have been carried out and the number of words verified		