

**TEXAS ELKS
STATE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
FOR
2009-10**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES
TO BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL LODGE:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

Presented to ALL Texas High School Students by:

Texas Elks State Association (TESA)

State Chairperson:

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Marshall, TX 75672

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Application also available online at the TESA website at www.texaselks.org

ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
FOR 2009-10

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.
(For further information, please read ALL instructions carefully.)**

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Entrant in Ink

ESSAY TOPIC:

**THE AMERICAN DREAM...
WHAT IS IT?**

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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** side in the manila folder.
6. When you have completed your essay in compliance with all of the foregoing instructions, return it to the following (or to the lodge **nearest your residence** if the area below is blank):

_____, Exalted Ruler

Re: TESA Essay Contest 2009-10

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge #: _____

Lodge Address: _____

City

State

Zip

7. The above-named lodge will select **three (3) local winners** and forward their essays **NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2010**, to the **TESA Essay Contest Chairperson**, as follows:

John Oswalt

State Chairperson - TESA Essay Contest

312 East Carolanne

Marshall, TX 75672

8. **LOCAL AWARDS MAY BE PRESENTED BY THE SPONSORING LODGES AT THEIR DISCRETION.**
9. Contest awards to be presented by the Texas Elks State Association are as follows:

First Place..... \$ 1,000

Second Place \$ 800

Third Place \$ 500

10. Contest awards will be presented at the annual convention of the Texas Elks State Association in June 2010.

For LOCAL LODGE use only:

THIS ENTRY IS FROM _____ LODGE / NO. _____
Contest Entrant's Name

Lodge Essay Contest Chairman Name (Please print)

Contact Phone No. & Email Address

Date Submitted

I hereby certify that all instructions have been carried out and the number of words verified.