



TEXAS ELKS
STATE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
FOR
2007-08

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES
TO BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL LODGE:
FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Presented to area High Schools by:

Lodge Contact Name / Contact Phone / Contact Email may be inserted here



ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
FOR 2007-08

Student's Full Name _____
Last First MI

Student's Address _____
Street City Zip

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

Name and Address of School _____

This contest is open to all currently-enrolled Texas High School students.
(For further information, please read the instructions carefully.)

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Entrant in Ink

ESSAY TOPIC:

**A SECURITY BARRICADE ALONG THE BORDER
BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES...
GOOD IDEA OR BAD?**

**CONTEST DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATIONS/ESSAYS TO BE
DELIVERED TO LOCAL LODGE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

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, and 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 the official entry form (2 pages including this one) 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:

_____, Exalted Ruler

Re: TESA Essay Contest 2007-08

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge #: _____

Lodge Address: _____

City

State

Zip

7. The above-named lodge will select three (3) local winners and forward their essays to the TESA State Essay Contest Chairman.
8. **LOCAL AWARDS MAY BE PRESENTED BY THE SPONSORING LODGES AT THEIR DISCRETION.**
9. Scholarships awarded by the Texas Elks State Association are as follows:
 First Place.....\$ 1,000
 Second Place.....\$ 800
 Third Place.....\$ 500
10. Scholarships will be presented at the annual convention of the Texas Elks State Association in June 2008.

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

Lodge Essay Contest Chairman

Date

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