



ESSAY CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

This contest is open to all currently enrolled TEXAS High School students who are citizens of the United States and residents of Texas.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
(INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED)**

1. The body of your essay MUST be typewritten or printed with a word processor, double spaced, on standard 8.5x11 inch paper.
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. Please use a permanent address, phone number, and email address. Communication regarding your application will be through email; once your application has been submitted, this information cannot be changed.
6. Staple the Official Entry Form on the RIGHT in the manila folder.
7. When you have completed your essay in compliance with these instructions, mail or deliver it to your local Elks Lodge no later than February 21, 2020. To find an Elks Lodge near you, use the Lodge Locator at www.elks.org.
8. State winners will be contacted by email between April 1-30, 2020.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All entries become the property of the Texas Elks State Association and will not be returned. All applications will be destroyed after judging.
12. 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

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR LOCAL ELKS LODGE
NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21, 2020.**

ESSAY TOPIC:

What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?



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Entry Deadline: February 21, 2020

Student's Full Name _____

Last

First

MI

Student's Address _____

Street

City

Zip

Phone Number _____ DOB _____ Email Address _____

Name and Address of School _____

Essay Word Count _____

CERTIFICATIONS AND CONSENTS

STUDENT CERTIFICATION: I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. I give my permission for the Texas Elks State Association and/or its local lodges to use my name and to quote from my application in news and other publicity media. I understand that this application becomes the property of the Texas Elks State Association and will not be returned.

Date _____ Signature _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT: I/We hereby certify that the information pertaining to my/our son/daughter is true and correct and I/we hereby waive any claim against the Texas Elks State Association and its subordinate lodges.

Date _____ Signature _____

Lodge Certification

THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE SPONSORING LODGE ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION JUDGING. APPLICATION MUST BE MADE ON THIS OFFICIAL TESA FORM. PHOTOCOPIES OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS OR FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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LODGE ENDORSEMENT

This application, with attached exhibits, has been reviewed, the statements verified to the best of my ability, and it is in conformity with rules and regulations set forth by the Texas Elks State Association.

Print Name: Lodge ER, Secretary, or Scholarship Chair

Signature & Title: Lodge ER, Secretary, or Scholarship Chair

Lodge Name & Number

Contact email address

Lodge phone number

Endorser's phone number

Date

LODGE SEAL

LODGE PERSONNEL: NO LATER THAN MARCH 13, 2020, FORWARD THE WINNING APPLICATION(S) TO THE TESA ESSAY CONTEST STATE CHAIR.