

Grand Lodge: Lodge Americanism Essay Contest

Theme: “**WHY I AM PROUD TO PLEDGE ALLEGIENCE TO OUR FLAG**”

Entry Rules:

- 1) Eligible participants must be students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th Grades during the normal 2011-2012 school year preceding June 30, 2012.
- 2) Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
- 3) Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
- 4) Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administrating the contest at his/her school or, if unknown, the lodge nearest to the home address of the entrant.
- 5) Entrant must be identified on the essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge (*Lodge may enter Lodge information on Essay.*) **NOTE: State winners must have Social Security numbers attached.**
- 6) **Deadline:** must be submitted to Local Lodge by **January 10, 2012.**
- 7) **Judging Criteria: Originality:** avoids the use of trite or worn out words and phrases. **Development of Theme:** stays focused on ideas and thoughts don't ramble. **Mechanics and neatness:** uses proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.