

Essay Contest

2015-2016



Alabama Elks Association

“What I Can do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country”

Rules

1. Essay participants must be in the 5th or 6th grade (Division One) or 7th or 8th grade student-(Division Two).
2. Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
3. Essay must be legibly printed in blue or black ink or typed in black.
4. Pages must be stapled; no binders, folders, or paper clips.
5. Essay cover sheet must include: Participant's Name; Sponsoring Teacher's Name, Grade and Class Period; School Name; name of the sponsoring lodge, Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge 1738.
6. Essays are due on or before January 11, 2016.
7. Judging Criteria:
 - Originality: Avoid use of trite or worn out words and phrases—30 points
 - Development of Theme: Focus on your ideas and thoughts---40 points
 - Mechanics and Neatness: Proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation-30 points

Awards

- ★ All entrants submitting essays to Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge 1738 will receive a color Patriot Participation Certificate.
- ★ First place winners in each class will be awarded Commemorative United States Mint coins with certificates of authenticity.
- ★ Winning essays from Divisions One, 5th & 6th Grade, and Division Two, 7th & 8th Grade, in the Alabama Elks Central District will compete with South and North District for state awards. Alabama State Winners from each division will receive United States Coin Sets and framed certificates. Honorable Mention Winners will receive laminated certificates and commemorative coins.

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