

“Why I Will Say NO to Alcohol and Drugs”

Here are the rules.... Please Read Carefully..

- 1. This essay contest is open to all currently enrolled Eight-grade public or private schools.**
- 2. Entries may bear any title, but they must address the subject “Why I Will Say NO to Drugs.”**
- 3. Entries must not be longer than 500 words. Those exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.**
- 4. For each school that participates in the essay contest, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association request the school principal or class instructor select and submits only the three best essays from all eight-grade students that have participated in the contest. This will assist the Association judges in choosing the overall winner from a smaller number of prejudged finalists. Please note the criteria the Association judges will use to select winners is based primarily on the essay content and message, with only minor consideration for spelling and punctuation.**
- 5. A statement from the parent/guardian, teacher or school principal must accompany each entry attesting that to the best of his/her knowledge, the essay was written unaided (except for use of appropriate research and reference materials). A single statement from a teacher or principal is sufficient for a group of entries submitted from the same class or school.**
- 6. All contest entries should be typewritten or neatly handwritten.**
- 7. Contest entries become the property of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association (TLEOA). The TLEOA reserves the right to reproduce any entries for publication or publicity purposes.**
- 8. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 4, 2005 and be sent to:
TLEOA Essay Contest
P.O. Box 206
Norris, Tennessee 37828-0206**
- 9. Attach the following to each contest entry:**
 - Author name & address (include zip code) & telephone number (include area code)**
 - School name & address (include zip code) & school telephone number (include area code)**
 - Teacher name**
 - COUNTY and TLEOA District (Districts are listed in brochure)**
- 10. Twenty-seven cash prizes will be awarded to students, for a total of \$5400. Winners will be judged by the TLEOA Districts Director in their school district.**
- 11. Winners will be notified by mail.**