

The Ted Leszkiewicz

AMVETS

Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AADAA) Program Contests

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Poster

(Grade Category I: K - 2)

(Grade Category II: 3 - 5)



Essay or Poem

(Grade Category III: 6 - 8)

(Grade Category III: 9 - 12)

For more information contact your local
AMVETS or AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post at:

(Post Contact Information)

or

AMVETS National Programs Department

at

301-683-4031 or email programs@amvets.org

A.A.D.A.A. Goals & Purposes

- Become aware of the substance abuse problem in our society and how it affects our families, communities, and ourselves.
- Become informed as to the facts – and be ready to dispel the myths – about alcohol and other drug use so that the subject can be freely discussed within the family unit and in and community settings.
- Recognize that the role of community members and parents requires responsible behavior and clear positions regarding alcohol and other drug use in our own family and within the community.
- Help youth become, capable adults by providing opportunities that promote self-image and critical life skills.
- Encourage and sponsor creative social activities that are drug-free settings.
- Encourage parents to host well-supervised parties for youth that limit the number of guests to a controllable number and work to develop family standards that prohibit the use of alcohol and drugs by adolescents in the home at any time.
- Provide opportunities that allow families to communicate with legal, medical agencies, social service agencies, and with other families so that a consistent message concerning youth behavior is established within the community.
- Support school and law enforcement policies regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs by persons within the community and encourage appropriate and consistent consequences.
- Request and endorse comprehensive prevention programs for grades Kindergarten through 12th that deal with alcohol and other drugs in the local school system.



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Please print legibly or type

Completed Entry Form, and Poster, Essay, Story or Poem **must be** returned to your local AMVETS Post or Department.

STUDENT SECTION

INDICATE GRADE THE CHILD IS IN: _____

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Student Address: _____

Student City, State, Zip: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian*: _____

Parent Email: _____ Phone number *(____)____-_____

Name of School/Organization: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Email: _____

Teacher's School Phone number: _____

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This section must be complete and returned to AMVETS National Programs **Department by 1 JULY**

NOTE: This section **must be completed and signed** by the Department AADAA Officer, Commander, or Executive Director. Incomplete entries will be disqualified. Essay entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. **Only 1st place** Department entries can be submitted to National Programs Department.

The attached 1st Place (Circle One) Poster, Essay, Story or Poem entry is submitted by:

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary -Department/Post# _____

Date _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

Print Officer Name and Title

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary Representative

All awards will be sent to the Department.



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AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse
(AADAA) Program
Poster Contest Guidelines



Who can participate?

All students in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who attend public, private, parochial schools, home schooled, members of any youth organization, ie. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc are eligible to participate.

Annual Themes (based on school year):

2024-2025 Your Future Is Key...Stay Drug Free
2025-2026 Think Before You Drink
2026-2027 Hugs Not Drugs

Contest rules:

- All students must address the theme.
- Entries **must be 9" x 12" inches** using construction paper or poster board.
- All entries must be free hand drawings and may be colored with any art medium.
- A straight edge may be used as an aid to draw a straight line.
- Gluing pictures or other materials to the surface of the drawing **not permitted**.
- The student's description of the poster **must be written on the back of the poster** in 50 words or less. Descriptions that are firmly attached to the back of the poster will also be accepted.
- All entries must be sent to the National Programs Department and postmarked no later than July 1st. (Post and Department deadlines may vary.)
- Incomplete Entry forms and non-legible address will be disqualified.

Criteria for poster judging:

* Artistic * Neatness * Creativity * Adherence to Theme *



First Place Winners will receive a plaque and gift card

Second Place Winners will receive a certificate and gift card

Amounts of gift cards range from \$ 10 to \$250
(Amounts subject to change)

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AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AADAA) Program Essay/Poem Contest Guidelines



Who can participate?

All students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades who attend public, private, parochial schools, home schooled, members of any youth organization, ie. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc are eligible to participate.

Annual Themes (based on school year):

2024-2025 Your Future Is Key...Stay Drug Free
2025-2026 Think Before You Drink
2026-2027 Hugs Not Drugs

Contest rules:

- All students must address the theme.
- Essays must be typed in 12 Font, Times New Roman, and doubled spaced
- Essays/poems submitted by 6th through 8th grade must be 250 words or less.
- Essays/poems submitted by 9th through 12th grade must be 350 words or less.
- All entries must be sent to the National Programs Department and postmarked no later than July 1st. (Post and Department deadlines may vary.)
- Incomplete Entry forms and non-legible address will be disqualified.

Criteria for judging Essays (stories or poems):

* Originality * Literary Composition * Creativity * Adherence to Theme *



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