



**Police Officers'
Association of Nebraska**
presents

Why I will say
NO
to Alcohol & Drugs

16th Annual Essay Contest

For all of Nebraska's
Eighth Graders



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Teachers

Please make copies of the entry form to the left and post the flyer (other side) on your eighth-grade bulletin boards.

Official Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (_____) _____
School Name: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
County: _____
Teacher: _____
School Phone: (_____) _____

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Teachers, please make copies of this form available to your students. Entries received without this form will be disqualified. All entries must be received no later than February 28, 2012. Thank you!

Mail entries to:
Essay Contest

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Why I will say **NO**

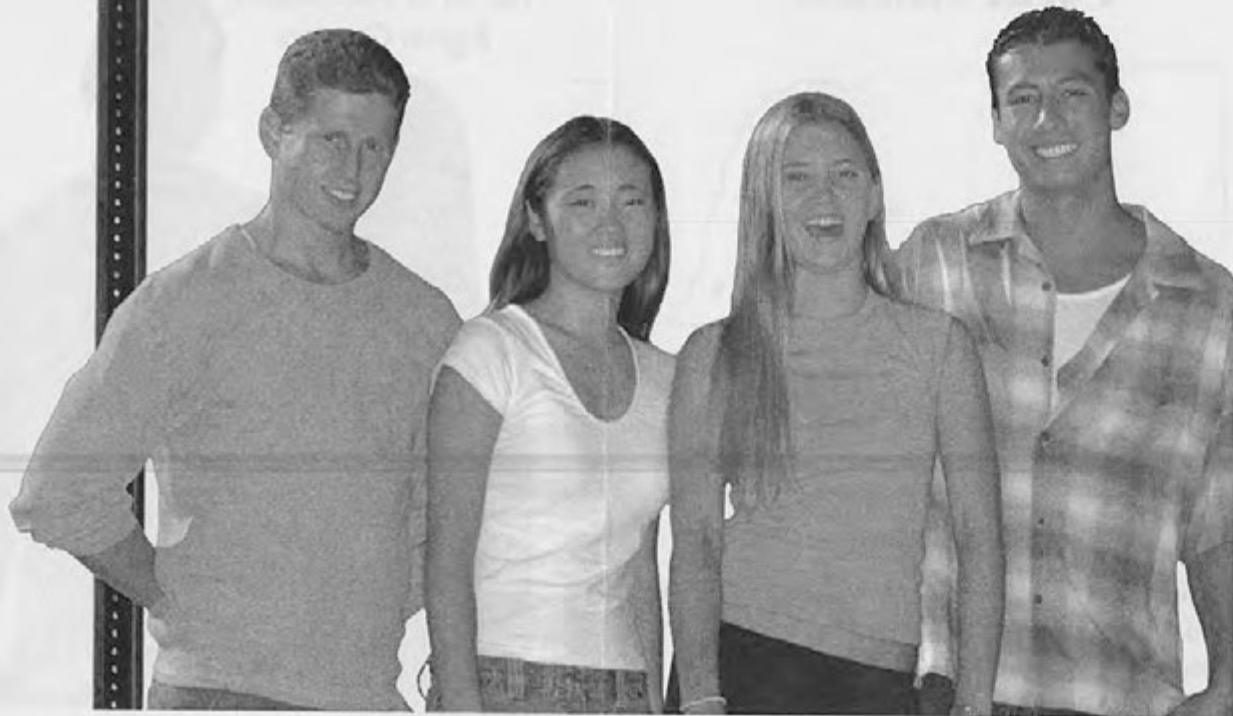


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Prizes:

Grand Prize	\$500 (1)
First Place:	\$300 (4)
Second Place:	\$200 (4)
Third Place:	\$100 (4)

Three cash prizes will be awarded in each of the four districts for the state for a total of twelve prizes, as well as one overall Grand Prize winner.



Contest Rules...

1. This contest is open to any student who is enrolled in a Nebraska eighth-grade class during the 2011-2012 school year.
2. All essays must address the theme: "Why I will say NO to Alcohol and Drugs!"
3. The essay must be less than 500 words. Any entry received with more than 500 words will be disqualified. The essays may be either type written or legibly handwritten.
4. **All entries must be submitted with an entry form and must be signed by the student. The form is on the back of this pamphlet and can be photocopied by the school.**
5. For each school that participates in the essay contest, the Police Officers' Association of Nebraska requests that the school principal or class instructor selects and submits only the three best essays from all eighth-grade students that have participated in the contest. This will assist the Association judges in choosing the overall winner from a smaller number of pre-judged finalists. Please note that the criteria the Association judges will be utilizing to select winners is based primarily on the essay content and message with only a minor consideration for spelling and punctuation.
6. 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 appropriate research and reference). A single statement from a teacher or principal is sufficient for a group of entries submitted from the same class or school.
7. All winners will be contacted through their schools, by phone or by mail.
8. All entries must be received at the address listed on the entry form no later than February 28, 2012.
9. Entries become the property of the POAN. No entries will be returned, and we are not liable for any lost or missing entries. The POAN reserves the right to reproduce any entries for publication or publicity and to publicize the names of the winners.