

The Ted Leszkiewicz

# AMVETS

## Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AADAA) Program Contests

Co-sponsored by the membership of  
AMVETS & AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary



### 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:

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(Post Contact Information)

or

AMVETS National Programs Department

at

301-683-4031 or email [programs@amvets.org](mailto:programs@amvets.org)

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

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- 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade must be 250 words or less.
- Essays/poems submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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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