



Massachusetts Elks Association Community Impact

Mission Statement

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

A Fraternal Organization

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that *Elks Care* and *Elks Share*.

Purposes

This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."

What We Do

The Order spends more than \$80,000,000 every year for benevolent, educational and patriotic community-minded programs in such fields as benefitting special needs children, sponsoring Elks National Foundation scholarships, scouting, athletic teams, veterans' works, a national "Hoop Shoot" free-throw contest involving more than 3 million children, physical and occupational therapy programs and patriotic programs.

The youth of our country have always been important to the Order. It is for this reason the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program was launched to warn primary grade students and their parents of the dangers in drug use. Additionally, every lodge observes June 14th as Flag Day, a tradition which the Elks began in 1907 and was later adopted by the Congress as an official observance.



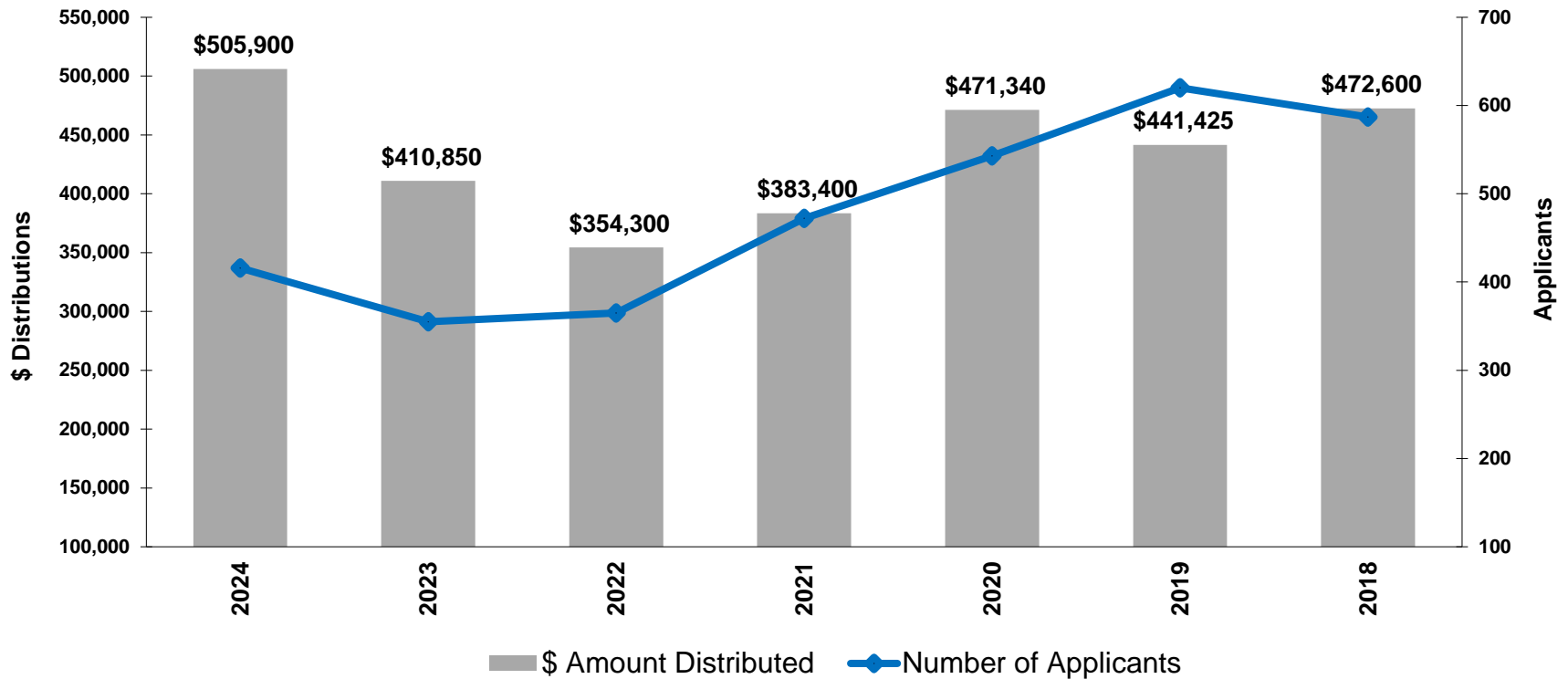
Youth Activities

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MASSACHUSETTS ELKS SCHOLARSHIP INC.

*Investing in today's
youth for
tomorrow's community*



MASSACHUSETTS ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Directors will consider the following criteria when awarding scholarship awards:

- Academic Standing
- Demonstrated family financial need
- Evidence of leadership and citizenship

Applicants should note that MA Elks Scholarship, Inc. awards are made to students across the state, and that every effort is made to achieve geographic balance in the offering of these awards.

The Massachusetts Elks

Association fosters and carries on the philanthropic work of assisting worthy young men and women to secure the advantages of an undergraduate college education through a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and known as the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Inc.

The program offers grants to students demonstrating financial need, scholarship aptitude, and good citizenship. Grants may be renewed yearly, based on continued demonstration of financial need and academic achievement.



Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Applications are now available online!

See your local lodge or district chairman for more information!

The Deadline to turn in Mass Elks Scholarships applications is **January 15th.**

If you have any further questions, please reach out to your MA Elks Scholarship District Chair



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2025



Most Valuable Student

The 2025 application is now open! Click the button below to apply.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Awards:

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2025 competition.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

The 2025 MVS application closes on November 12, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.



Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Eligibility requirements are outlined below

Who is Eligible?

1. For the 2025 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2022, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only. **The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time.**
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2025 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
7. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)
8. If you are selected as a 2025 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information about serving with the Elks.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPACTS 2024-2025

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

20 @ \$30,000 = \$600,000.00

480 @ \$4,000.00 = \$1,920,000.00

ENF LEGACY AWARDS

252 @ \$4,000.00 = \$1,008,000.00

MASSACHUSETTS ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

416 @ = \$505,900.00

EACH SCHOLARSHIP THAT IS AWARDED FROM THE MA ELKS IS RENEWABLE FOR 4 YEARS!

This does not include individual Lodge scholarship programs.

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE



Elks Soccer Shoot

Kids ages 4-13 get to compete in their respective age groups to see who gets the most goals.

Joins us at an upcoming shoot this Fall! Winners walk away with a trophy and 1st place winners get to advance onto the District Level. From there, winners go on and compete in the MA Elks State Soccer Shoot!

LOCAL SOCCER SHOOT: Held during September and October.

DISTRICT SOCCER SHOOT: Held During September & October.



UPCOMING ELKS HOOP SHOOT DATES

LOCAL & DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT: Click the link above to find your Local & District Dates.

STATE HOOP SHOOT CONTEST: Held at the Maynard/Clinton Lodge #1568 on February 1, 2025.

REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT CONTEST: Held in S. Portland, ME on March 8, 2025.

NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT CONTEST: Held in Chicago, IL on April 26, 2025.



Elks Hoop Shoot

Elks care. Elks share. And, so do Elks Hoop Shoot contestants! Armed with a big heart and an accurate free throw shot, Hoop Shoot contestants find creative ways to make a meaningful difference in their communities.



**FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO GET IN IT TO WIN IT WITH THE ELKS HOOP SHOOT!
REVIEW RULES, LOCATE A CONTEST OR CONTACT A HOOP SHOOT DIRECTOR.**

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM (DAP)

Striving to teach all children & parents about the dangers of illegal drug use.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks welcomes you to the resource center for the [Elks National Drug Awareness Program](#) – the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are very proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this most noble cause. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

Contests

[Essay Contest](#)

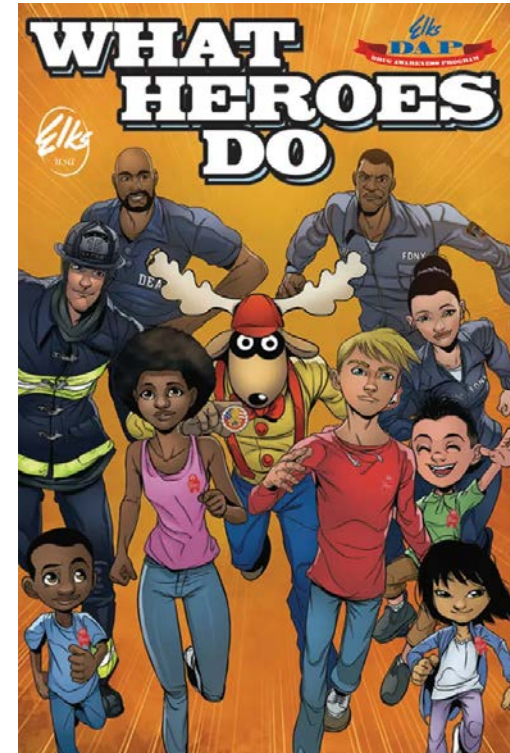
Open to students in 6th through 8th grade.

[Poster Contest](#)

Open to students in 3rd through 5th grade.

[Video Contest](#)

Open to Pre-High School, High School, and Post Graduate Students.



THE Dictionary Project

"A dictionary is a necessity"

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. Its primary focus is to promote literacy to children in third-grade as they transition from learning how to read to identify and use information. Over the course of the program nearly 15 million third-grade students have received dictionaries including about 2.5 million dictionaries donated in 2009.

Elks joined this movement in 2004. Nationwide they have donated more than 1.2 million dictionaries to third-grade students and their teachers as sponsors of The Dictionary Project over the last 6 years. There are 600 lodges that actively participate in the program. To see if your nearest lodge participates in this program, find a lodge near you.

The Dictionary Project website <http://www.dictionaryproject.org>.

