

**The Empire State Elk**

**SCORING GUIDELINES FOR NYSEA BULLETIN CONTEST**

**Three consecutive issues of the bulletin and a letter certifying lodge membership**

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NY 13357-1438 prior to February 15, 2011.

Judging will occur in all six Grand Lodge Divisions. Only Lodges with a score of 150 points or more will be eligible for awards. Winning entries will be announced at the Spring Convention..

Entry in this contest DOES NOT enter your lodue in the GL Bulletin contest; submit that entry directly to Grand Lodge.

The criteria for judging are listed below. If you have questions, please call me at 315-894-2805 or send an e-mail to [Cpsully1439@aol.com](mailto:Cpsully1439@aol.com). I will respond as quickly as possible.

**Lodge Name**

**A) Required items** When judging, circle most appropriate number 1-10 (1 = poor; 10 = outstanding)

- Distinctive and Appealing Masthead 1
- Easy to Read Text 1
- Inclusion of American Flag 1
- Exalted Ruler's Message 1
- Major Projects Article 1
- Elks National Foundation Articles 1
- Sickness and Distress 1
- Articles featuring Community / Charity Involvement 1
- Membership Announcements 1
- Calendar of Events 1

**A) Optional Articles (all included will be scored)**

- Flag Day • 1
- Memorial Day 1
- Memorial Service 1
- Veterans' Day/Veteran's Programs 1
- Scholarship 1
- Hoop Shoot 1
- Drug Awareness 1
- Youth Activities (Includes Dictionary Project) 1
- Adopt a Veteran 1
- Soccer Shoot 1
- Other (special or not included above) 1
- Quality and Use of Pictures and Sketches 1
- Grand Lodge and State Association Articles 1
- District Items 1
- Editor's Notes and comment 1
- Input** from lodge officers other than the ER & Secretary 1
- Committee Articles 1
- Elks Mission Statement 1
- Input from Members 1

**(A) Total Points (Add all circled numbers from section 'A')**



**IMPACT GRANTS**

Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41 will continue bringing the experience of summer camp to special-needs children and adults. This year, Elks will add campers and activities to expand Camp Happiness.

Mid-Westchester, NY, Lodge No. 535 will continue to run a social group for teens with disabilities to reduce their isolation and offer their parents and families respite through their Social Group for Teens with Special Needs.

**Cornerstone Grants**

Do you regularly volunteer in your community? Would you like additional funding to enhance your service project? We know that as an Elks scholar, you already uphold the four cornerstones of the Foundation: knowledge, integrity, charity and community. Now, we want to help you do more! That is why **the ENF is offering Cornerstone Grants to Elks scholars and alumni** interested in expanding their community service projects.

**Eligibility:** Elks scholars or alumni interested in serving their community in a meaningful way are eligible to apply. To be eligible for the 2010 Cornerstone Grant, you must have been awarded your ENF Scholarship in or before 2009. You can only receive one Cornerstone Grant every five years.

**Criteria:** Scholars may request \$500 to be used toward expanding or initiating a community service project. Applications will be judged on the proposed community service project. Community service is defined as any effort that addresses an unmet need in the community, through which an Elks scholar is directly engaged and interacting with the community. This service should be results driven. Scholars must demonstrate meaningful involvement in their community service initiative. This grant cannot be used as a donation to an organization. Grant funds can be used to enhance an individual community service effort or to participate in another organization's efforts, i.e. Habitat for Humanity.

**General Grant Information:** Grant applications will be reviewed, and winners will be announced by May 15. All applicants will be notified of their application status by email at this time. Grant funds will be disbursed to applicants upon receipt of completed acceptance form. All 2010 grant funds must be used, and final report (with photos) must be submitted, by March 1, 2011. The 2010 Cornerstone Grant deadline has passed. Check back in March 2011 for the 2011 application!