



# TESA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES

2022-Current



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*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

### TESA Community Services Award Guidelines

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Community service is the spirit of Elkdom within each of our communities. Every community has some common needs and others have unique needs based on their geographic location and demographics. Community service builds pride in our members-a proud member stays a member. Every Lodge strives to meet needs in their communities that demonstrate the motto “Elks Care – Elks Share”.

TESA Bylaws: “Section 10.030.5: ELKS COMMUNITY SERVICES: The purpose of this committee is to stimulate and assist the Lodges in initiating and continuing community service activities in the Lodge area.”

Think about all of the support your Lodge provides for your local community and document your activities. The following criteria should be used when completing contest form TESA Community Services Booklet. Please follow the instructions listed below:

The judging guides, with the point values, will be on the TESA website and a link will be sent out in the TESA newsletter.

When “Media” is used it can be newspaper, website, and/or Facebook. Let us know what your lodge uses to get the word out about your community services work.

On an annual basis each Lodge should assess the needs in their communities to determine what community services they would like to continue and also what newly identified or emerging needs they might want to address and budget for the year

Community service is the true essence of our Charity work. I hope each and every Lodge will put together an entry for the Contest. Sharing what we, as Elks, do throughout the year, is an important part of spreading the news about the good works of Elkdom and improves our image in the local communities that we serve.

NEW ITEMS highlighted in yellow.

If you have issues and need some help PLEASE call me at 281-467-3046.

# Community Service Guidelines

## TESA Community Service Guidelines

Booklet should include:

1. All articles must be community interest and related to the programs and activities of the Order.
2. All media articles must contain a reference to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Media can be Newspaper, Website or Facebook.
3. Judging will be conducted on articles for the current Lodge year only. Be sure your Lodge Secretary provides a letter documenting Lodge membership as of April 1st of the current year.
4. Programs the Judges will be looking for do not need to be in the order of the listed below.
5. The booklet folder can be anything your Lodge feels can be used to show your Community Services and share at all functions.
6. The binder covers will be judged. Get creative!
7. The following is to be used as a guide only (other programs may be submitted for the following listed) Additional programs will be judged as indicated in "Additional Material Which Will Be Judged" listed below.

### Items the Judges Will Be Looking For:

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| 1. Letter from the Lodge Secretary with number of Members | 2pts _____ |
| 2. Lodge Seal on Letter Above                             | 2pts _____ |
| 3. Table of contents and organization of brochure         | 3pts _____ |
| 4. Lodges Installation of Officers                        | 2pts _____ |
| 5. Law and Order Night sponsored by your Lodge (pg12 am)  | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                         | 2pts _____ |
| 6. Mothers Day Program                                    | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                         | 2pts _____ |
| 7. Elks Youth Week                                        | 1pts _____ |
| 8. Media Recognition                                      | 2pts _____ |
| 9. Lodge Participation in Memorial Day Parade             | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                         | 2pts _____ |
| 10. Fathers Day Program                                   | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                         | 2pts _____ |

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| 11. Flag Day Ceremonies                 | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 12. Flag Day Retirement Ceremonies      | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 13. ROTC Programs                       | 2pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 14. New Member Orientations (1 pt each) | 1pts _____ |
| 15. Elks National Foundation            | 5pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 16. Sweetheart Programs (1 pt each)     | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 17. Red Pig Programs (1 pt each)        | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                       | 2pts _____ |
| 18. Interlodges Programs                | 3pts _____ |

**SUMMER**

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|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Fourth of July Program or Parade                        | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                          | 2pts _____ |
| 2. Elks Family oriented programs, picnics, family day ect. | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                          | 2pts _____ |
| 3. State Conference Attendance                             | 2pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                          | 2pts _____ |
| 4. Soccer Shoot Program                                    | 2pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                          | 2pts _____ |
| 5. National Conference Attendance                          | 2pts _____ |
| Media Recognition                                          | 2pts _____ |

**FALL**

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| 1. Drug Awareness Programs | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition          | 2pts _____ |
| 2. Back to School Programs | 1pts _____ |
| Media Recognition          | 2pts _____ |

**FALL CONT.**

- 3. Elks Hoop Shoot Programs 2pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Homecoming Participation 5pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Most Valuable Student Scholarship 2pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Veterans Remembrance Month Program 2pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Veterans Breakfast or Dinner Participation 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Veterans Retreat Texoma Participation 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Veterans Retreat Ottine Participation 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Fall Conference Participation 2pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_

**WINTER**

- 1. Community Orientated Charities 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Elks Family Orientated Programs 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Children's Christmas parties ect)  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Elks Christmas Programs for the Less fortunate 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(toys for tots, food baskets ect)  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Christmas Parades Programs 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Hoop Shoot Program 2pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Request for GER Outstanding Member Award 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. National Patriotism Week 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Charity Ball 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Request for GER Citations 1pts \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Recognition 2pts \_\_\_\_\_

10. Citizen of the Year Award	1pts _____
Media Recognition	2pts _____
11. Elk Of the Year Award Program	1pts _____
Media Recognition	2pts _____
12. Officer of the year Award Program	1pts _____
Media Recognition	2pts _____

### Additional Material Which Will Be Judged

1. Each Proclamation issued on behalf of the Lodge by City Officials or Invitation to participate in a community event. (1pt each)	1pts _____
2. All additional community programs, new releases and related photographs. (1pt each)	1pts _____
3. All documented radio or tv recognition or billboard posters. (1pt each)	1pts _____
4. Lodge sponsored contest such as Essays, ect Media Recognition	1pts _____
5. Programs and Articles include from Ladies Auxiliaries will be judges as indicated in item 6 (1pt each)	2pts _____
6. Items or programs not listed but considered by the judges to be Community oriented (1pt each)	1pts _____
7. Judges may award up to 8 additional points for an event considered to be exceptional in scope and value to the community (1 program per lodge)	1pts _____
8. Use of "Special Grant"	8pts _____
<a href="https://texaselks.org/special-grants/">https://texaselks.org/special-grants/</a>	3pts _____
9. Receiving extra \$500.00 on Gratitude Grant for 5% or more of their donors in the Fidelity Club	3pts _____
10. Grants: Freedom, Beacon, Gratitude and Spotlight (are 5 points each)	5pts _____
Impact Grant	7pts _____
11. Membership Drives	5pts _____
12. Monthly Membership Meetings	3pts _____
13. Children's Camp Graduation Attendance	2pts _____
14. TECSI Involvement	2pts _____
15. Book Prestation over All (scale of 1-10)	pts _____
16. Binder Covers Judged (scale of 1-10)	pts _____

Membership Certification Received (Y) \_\_\_\_\_ (N) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name & Number

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Lodge Division

A 1-200 \_\_\_\_\_

B 201-300 \_\_\_\_\_

C 301-400 \_\_\_\_\_

D 401-500+ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Updated guidelines will be done for 2026 and will be posted on the TESA website on or before State Convention.