

2026-2027 State President's Grant Program

OBJECTIVE

The President will award grant money at each district visitation. The purpose of this program is to encourage lodges to be involved in Elks programs and their local communities. Community involvement is one of the keys to a successful lodge. A total of \$2,000 per district will be awarded to the winners as follows:

- 1st Place - \$900
- 2nd Place - \$600
- 3rd Place - \$500

ELIGIBILITY

- Every Lodge is eligible to participate. The District Vice President needs to ensure each lodge in their district participates.

SCORING METHODOLOGY

All submitted applications will be scored according to the point structure indicated on the application. In the event of a tie, the State President will confer with the District Leader and District Vice President to determine a winner.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Grant Program Application attached to these instructions.
2. Submit the completed application to the District Vice President at least three (3) weeks prior to the arrival of the State President in your district.
3. The District Vice President will forward all applications to the State Vice President at Large a minimum of two (2) weeks before the State President arrives in your district.
4. The District Vice President will also forward a copy of the applications to their District Leader.
5. The District Vice President will ensure that the applications from each lodge are forwarded to the State Vice President at Large, Snuffy Smith, ALL at one time at least two weeks prior to the visit. VPAL Snuffy can be reached at nitroxshooter@gmail.com.

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Lodge Name and #: _____ **District:** _____

Next to each item successfully completed enter the point value assigned. Total all earned points and write in the space provided. In case of a tie, the President will use the narrative provided in the "Other Lodge Accomplishments" section to determine tiebreakers.

POINT SCORING

- ___ 1. Met the Harry Anna per-capita goal of \$12.50 for the 2025-26 year (5 points):
- ___ 2. Met the GER's ENF per-capita goal of \$5.15 for the 2025-26 year (5 points):
- ___ 3. Had positive membership growth for 2025-26 (10 points):
- ___ 4. Awarded ENF grants for the year 2025-26 (2 points for EACH Grant):
Please list which grants you received: ___ Freedom, ___ Beacon/ Spotlight
___ FSEA Matching, ___ Gratitude, ___ Impact.
- ___ 5. Competed in the most recent District or State Ritual contest (4 points):
- ___ 6. Sent Americanism essay winners to the most recent district competition (1 point EACH):
- ___ 7. Sent Hoop Shoot winners to the most recent district competition (1 point EACH):
- ___ 8. Sent Soccer Shoot winners to the most recent district competition (1 point EACH):
- ___ 9. Completed a lodge bus trip to the Youth Camp within 2025-26 (5 points):
- ___ 10. The lodge has an active Ladies Organization (2 points):
- ___ 11. The Lodge has ___ Harry/Anna Sustaining Donors (2 points EACH):
- ___ 12. The Lodge has ___ ENF Fidelity Club Sustaining Donors (2 points EACH):
- ___ 13. The lodge has an active Elks Riders organization (1 point):
- ___ 14. The Lodge has an active Antler Program (3 points):
- ___ 15. Hosted a public open-house event for membership within the last 12 months (3 points):
- ___ 16. The Lodge used all 10 of their camperships to send children in their community to summer camp (4 points, 5 points if the Lodge sponsored more than 10 children)
- ___ 17. Lodge major community service-oriented project(s): (maximum 3 points per project)
 - 1 point per project for providing funds.
 - 1 point per project with less than five (5) volunteers
 - 2 points per project with five (5) or more volunteers:

List these projects, amount donated, and # volunteers on the next page:

Total Points _____

Lodge Name and #: _____ **District:** _____

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