



Kids from around the country got in on the fun of the Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest and told us about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead of them if they stay away from drugs and alcohol. The 2008 Grand Prize winner was Dax Johnson of Chula Vista, California. As the Grand Prize winner, Dax will appear in a Marvel comic book!

Here's Dax's winning essay.

### **Great Things I Can Do If I Stay Away From Drugs and Alcohol**

I say "No" to Drugs and Alcohol every day  
I won't let these things get in my way

Now and forever, the choice is mine  
If I choose the right path, my talents will shine

I can become an Inventor, like Iron Man  
Or save a life like Spider-Man can

I can fight crime, capture criminals, and defeat thugs  
Or even arrest the Punisher, if I stay off drugs

I can become a Scientist and study the color green  
To figure out why it makes the Hulk so mean

I can become an Actor, and star in a movie  
Me as Captain America! That would be groovy!

Drugs and alcohol can destroy my life  
They can be just as bad as a gun or a knife

But like the X-men team  
I can live my dream

To make the world a better place  
For future mutants and the human race

I don't need super powers to see  
Drugs and alcohol are bad for me

Staying drug and alcohol-free  
Will help me become all I can be.