



Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350

# The Corral Newsletter: September, 2025

September  
26th

5:00—8:00 pm

Crab Boil &  
Steak Fry  
Dinner &  
Dance

(Bob Villa)

Prepay &  
Register



## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Dear Elks Members,

As we head into September, I want to take a moment to reflect on the great summer we've had at our Lodge. From our Back-to-School event to the continuing dog-walking program, we've shown the community what it truly means to be an Elk—giving, compassionate, and always ready to serve.

Thank you to all who stepped up and volunteered your time over the past few months. Your dedication keeps our Lodge active and our programs successful.



### Youth & Community

Our Lodge continues to prioritize **youth and education**. With school now in full swing, we are looking at ways to further support students and families in our community. Whether it's through scholarships, mentoring, or providing needed supplies, let's keep the focus on helping kids succeed.

### Dog Walking Program

The **dog walking project** at the Pinal County Animal Control remains an area where we need more support. These dogs rely on us for exercise, companionship, and love. Please consider volunteering—it only takes a little time to make a huge difference in the lives of these animals.

### Veterans

Our commitment to **veterans** continues. Thank you to all who have helped with our monthly food distribution program and other veterans' activities. It is one of our Lodge's most meaningful responsibilities, and your support ensures we meet it with pride.

### Looking Ahead

September is a great time to re-engage with the Lodge. We've got:

- Regular meetings and fellowship nights
- Volunteer opportunities in the community
- Planning underway for fall events

Let's keep building momentum as we move into the last part of the year.

### Final Thoughts

I encourage everyone to participate where and when you can. Your involvement matters—whether it's through volunteering, attending events, or simply stopping by to support the Lodge. Together we are stronger, and together we can keep Coolidge-Florence #2350 moving forward.

Fraternally,

Chad Knutson

## Message from Mark Blackwell, Leading Knight & Kitchen Committee Member “Beat the Heat” Dinner & Dance Event

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To all members who attended our "Beat the Heat" Dinner and Music Event —thank you for supporting your lodge.

We are continuing to move toward using **online reservations and pre-payments** as a way to reduce food waste and better manage costs. It's very important that members place their orders before the cutoff date listed for each event. Those days following the cutoff are when we order supplies and prepare everything for you.

Our **Prime Rib Night on July 20th** was a wonderful success and a lot of fun. We're proud to share that **81% of reservations were made online**, which allowed the kitchen to plan more efficiently and deliver a great meal. Keep it up—your participation really makes a difference!

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to **Dawn Winsor, Deb Knutson, and their hardworking teams** for making this event both enjoyable and profitable for our Lodge.

Fraternally,  
**Mark Blackwell**  
Leading Knight & Kitchen Committee Member



## HONORING 9/11 HEROS ON 24TH ANNIVERSARY

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### MEDIA ALERT –NOTICE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Elks Lead Nation in Honoring 9/11 Heroes on 24th Anniversary

**Chicago, IL – September 11, 2025** – The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will lead the nation in remembering the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, with *Patriots Day* ceremonies held across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal. Local Elks Lodges invite the public to come together in unity, reflection, and gratitude—paying tribute to the firefighters, police officers, first responders, military members, and ordinary citizens whose courage and sacrifice continue to inspire America.

As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations for more than **157 years**, the Elks are proud to honor the spirit of service that rose out of tragedy. In **2024 alone**, the Elks contributed over **\$520 million** in cash, goods, and volunteer time—supporting veterans, empowering young leaders through scholarships, and strengthening local communities nationwide. With nearly **1,800 Lodges** and **800,000 members**, the Elks remain committed to ensuring that the values of service, patriotism, and remembrance are passed on to future generations.

The Elks will never forget September 11<sup>th</sup>. Each year, we gather not only to mourn those we lost, but to honor the resilience of a nation that came together in its darkest hour. Through our acts of charity and service, we strive to keep that spirit of unity alive.

From small towns to major cities, Elks Lodges will pause to remember, reflect, and recommit to building stronger communities in honor of those who gave everything.

For more information or to find a ceremony near you, visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). For membership details, visit [Join.Elks.org](http://Join.Elks.org).

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**Exalted Ruler:** Chad Knutson

**Leading Knight:** Mark Blackwell

**Loyal Knight:** Stephen Hotz

**Lecturing Knight:** Cameron Gilliam

**Treasurer:** Susan Hunt

**Secretary:** Angela Schenk

**Esquire:** Christine Perry

**Inner Guard:** Dan Martin

**Tiler:** Thomas Grubb

**Chaplain:** George Hickman

### Trustees:

Robert Beck (5)

Richard "Moe" Moline III (4)

Bonnie Hundley (3)

Robert Hundley (2)

Debra Neely (1)

(#) Indicates the # of years

[Past Exalted Ruler's & PER Association](#)

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## Online Resources



### [Facebook](#)

Listing of upcoming events including Bingo, Queen of Hearts, dinners and any other upcoming events.



### [Our Lodge - Coolidge-Florence #2350](#)

Access to our calendar of events, membership, lodge history, our approved Grants, etc.



### [Arizona Elks Association](#)

Information on our Arizona Elks [Major Projects](#): Children's Research Center, and Youth Camp in Globe, AZ.



### [Grand Lodge](#)

Learn more about the Elks.

[Register online](#) for access to our Lodge

## Lodge Hours

1st & 3rd Sunday:	Breakfast 8am - 12:00pm
Monday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Tuesday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Wednesday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Thursday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm
Thursday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Friday:	Open from 3pm – 8pm
Saturday:	Open from 1pm – 5pm

## The Corral Newsletter Committee

Please submit any articles or suggestions to the Newsletter Committee: [Gail Smith](#) and [Debbie Knutson](#)

### Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350

P.O. Box 1033, Florence, AZ 85132

Phone: 520-723-3832



## MEMBERSHIP



[Invite](#) a friend to join the Elks

### Office Hours with Angie Schenk, Secretary

Angie will be available for any questions on Tuesday's & Thursday's 2:00 - 4:00. **(Except Meeting Nights)**  
Please note: Angie does have a full time job. There may be conflicts during the hours indicated.

### Member/Lodge Meetings

Starting in September, we are going back to having 2 Member/Lodge meetings a month.

#### September Meetings:

Tuesday, September 2nd & September 16th

**Time:** 6:30

[Meeting Minutes](#) from August Meeting.

### Board Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, September 10th

**Time:** 5:00

This is the officers' meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and observe the discussions.

Any agenda items can be brought up to a board member in advance, or fill out the [Board Agenda Request Form](#).

### New Members for Proposal (District Deputy, Grover Ramsey)

Patrick Rice, Transfer Dimit Victorville #1877  
Olivia Ortiz, proposed by Cameron Gilliam  
Kathleen Hotz, proposed by Patricia Hotz  
Amber Atwell, proposed by Chad Knutson  
Lisa Katon, proposed by Cameron Gilliam  
Kirt Katon, proposed by Cameron Gilliam

### Initiation

**Date:** Friday, September 19th  
**Check In:** 4:30 pm with Angie Schenk  
**Orientation:** 5:00 pm  
**Initiation:** 6:00 pm



### [Membership Stats](#)

are available on our web site.

### Welcome to our August New Members



Welcome to our new members that were initiated on Tuesday, August 5th.

John Stone, Ziggy Kolenda, Maria Kasem and Patrick Hart





## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PROGRAM (VAP)



**Coolidge-Florence ELKS Lodge 2350**

### Volunteer Appreciation Program

**Celebrating the Heart of Our Lodge – Our Volunteers!**

#### **Why It Matters**

Your time and dedication make our lodge stronger. This program tracks your volunteer hours and rewards your service with recognition, gifts, and special events.

#### **Award Levels**

**Level Hours/Year Benefits**

<b>Bronze</b>	25 hrs	Elks shirt, \$12 dinner voucher, name tag
<b>Silver</b>	35 hrs	Bronze benefits + Invite to Appreciation Event (cocktail hour, dinner & dance)
<b>Gold</b>	75 hrs	Bronze & Silver benefits + Guest invite + Special recognition from Exalted Ruler

#### **Volunteer of the Month**

- Selected monthly by the Board
- Nominated by committee chairs
- Recognized at meetings and in the newsletter
- Receives shirt, dinner voucher, and special award

#### **How to Report Your Hours**

Submit your hours within **72 hours** of volunteering.

##### **Ways to Report:**

- Lodge iPads
- iPhone (see Stephen Hotz for shortcut)
- Android phone or home computer
- Elks 2350 Web Page

 **Online Form:** [Elks](#) or scan QR code



#### **Program Oversight**

- SOP reviewed annually
- Changes approved by the Board of Directors

#### **Questions?**

Contact:

**Stephen Hotz** <[shotz1979@outlook.com](mailto:shotz1979@outlook.com)>

**Mark Blackwell** <[wiley1953@yahoo.com](mailto:wiley1953@yahoo.com)>

**Cameron Gilliam** <[camerongilliam3@gmail.com](mailto:camerongilliam3@gmail.com)>

**Thank you for your service. You make Elks Lodge 2350 a place of pride, purpose, and community.**

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Each month, the Corral Newsletter will feature Elk members who routinely volunteer at Lodge #2350.

We love to highlight those dedicated volunteers as well as to demonstrate how **YOU** can make a difference, too.

### MEET: Mark and Karen Platt



Mark and Karen moved to Florence, Arizona just 10 months ago from Shawnee, Kansas. Married for 34 years, they have quickly become an active and valued part of our Lodge family being initiated just this past April.

Karen is retired from her career as an administrative assistant for a CPA, while Mark is also retired after a successful career with H&R Block's Data Science group, where he was responsible for the field reporting system covering 10,000 offices nationwide.

Since joining the Lodge, both Mark and Karen have jumped right in to help wherever needed. They assist in the Kitchen helping cook, are part of the Youth and Drug Awareness Committee, with Mark also lending a hand on Monday mornings with lodge cleaning. Their willingness to pitch in and serve reflects the true spirit of Elkindom.

For Karen, membership also carries a special personal meaning. Her father was a dedicated and proud member of Escanaba Elks Lodge #354, and she was thrilled to find a Lodge so close to her new home. Now, both she and Mark are proud to continue that legacy while building new friendships and serving their community.

We are grateful to have Mark and Karen as part of our Lodge. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication embody what it means to be an Elk. Congratulations, Mark and Karen, on this well-deserved recognition!

### MEET: Toni Burkhammer



Toni and her husband Jeff, who have been married for 51 years, moved to Coolidge from Nipoma, California in April 2022. Both are retired—Toni previously served as the Circulation Director of the Santa Maria Times, where she oversaw carriers and distribution for seven newspapers.

Since being initiated into our Lodge this past April, Toni has jumped right in, lending a hand in the kitchen and serving on the Youth Committee. Beyond the Lodge, she is also a tireless community volunteer. Toni helps at the DAV office each month as a hostess, assists at the National Guard when needed, participates in Wreaths Across America at the local cemetery, and conducts wellness checks on local veterans for the VFW. She also serves as Chaplain of the VFW Auxiliary and 1st Vice President of the DAV Auxiliary.

When she and Jeff aren't volunteering, they enjoy camping—and make a point to stop at Elks Lodges along the way to visit and use their campgrounds.

Toni is excited to be part of our Lodge family. She believes in the mission of the Elks and is always ready to help wherever she can. Thank you, Toni, for all you do!

**Thank you to our featured Volunteers!**

## CHRIST THE VICTOR FOOD PANTRY



### Spotlight Grant \$2,000



As part of our Spotlight Grant project, Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge delivered \$2,000 worth of food to the Christ the Victor Food Pantry to help support local families in need on 8/13/2025.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Food Bank works with volunteers and TEFAP program to distribute pre-packed boxes and bags. Items include dairy, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, prepared/grab-and-go meals, and shelf-stable/non-perishable goods. The food pantry serves the homeless, farm workers, and seniors.

In the photos: Mike Mulliken, Cameron Gilliam, Tricia Hotz, and Mark Blackwell,.





## SCHOOL SUPPLIES & DICTIONARIES



### Gratitude Grant

**Cameron Gilliam** and **Tricia Hotz** met **Dawn Windsor** at the Florence School District and presented the Elementary and Middle Schools with the school supplies and dictionaries purchased through the Gratitude Grant.

Later in the afternoon, **Cameron Gilliam**, **Stephen Hotz**, and **Tricia Hotz** met with **Marc Bruno** (Principal at Coolidge Heartland Ranch Elementary School) at the Lodge, where he picked up supplies for his school as well as Coolidge West Elementary. **Dr. Yvette Dix** (Principal at Coolidge Jr. High) also stopped by to pick up the supplies donated to her school.

Each school received the following items:








- 36 boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 count boxes)
- 30 yellow highlighters
- 12 boxes of colored pencils (12 count boxes)
- 1 Box of #2 Pencils (contains 320 pencils)
- 200 wired earbuds
- 1 box of 40 Dry-erase markers



The 9 Elementary Schools (2-Coolidge and 7-Florence) were also presented with 16 Spanish to English Dictionaries each for the Elk's Dictionary Project.

During the meetings, we presented the principals with information about the Drug Awareness Poster, Essay, and Video Contest. In addition, we provided the high school principals in Florence with details on the Most Valuable Student Scholarship and Legacy Award opportunities.




September						
Lodge Hours: Monday - Thursday 3:00 - 7:00 pm   Friday: 3:00 - 8:00 pm   Saturday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm						
Sundays for Special Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$4 Daily Drink Specials	Margarita Monday	Apple Crown   Sprite   Splash of Cranberry	Tito's   Cranberry   Splash of Sprite	White Russian (Vodka, Kahlua, and Cream)	Malibu Rum   Pineapple	Greyhound (Absolute Vodka and Grapefruit)
	1 Every Monday Cleaning at 7:30am 	2 Summer Menu 6:30 Lodge Meeting 	3	4 Summer Menu 5:00 Game Night 6:30 Queen of Hearts 	5	6 Summer Menu 1-2 food 2-4pm BUNCO \$10 
7 Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 	8 Burgers & BINGO 	9 Summer Menu Vet Meeting 5:30pm 	10 Board Meeting 5:00 	11 Summer Menu 5:00 Game Night 6:30 Queen of Hearts 	12	13 PCACC Dog Walking 6-9am 
14 Football Sunday 10-6pm Burgers, Wings, & Nachos 	15 	16 Summer Menu 6:30 Lodge Meeting 	17	18 Summer Menu 5:00 Game Night 6:30 Queen of Hearts 	19 5:00 Orientation 6:00 Initiation (DD Visit) <b>New Member Initiation Tonight</b>	20 Junior Parade Fundraiser 5-9pm 
21 Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 	22 Burgers & BINGO 	23	24	25 Summer Menu 5:00 Game Night 6:30 Queen of Hearts 	26 Crab Boil or Rib Eye Music by: Bob Villa Prepayment \$30 is required	27
28 Football Sunday 10-6pm Burgers, Wings, & Nachos 	29 	30	Do you have questions? Angie Schenk, Lodge Secretary, is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 - 4:30 PM, <b>except</b> on meeting nights.  Please Note: Angie works full time and meetings may come up on short notice. We appreciate your understanding!			

On **Friday, September 26th**, we will be having a **Crab Boil & Rib Eye Dinner and Dance**.

- Music by Bob Villa
- \$30 Crab Boil or Rib Eye
- [PREPAYMENT & RESERVATIONS](#) are required, no cancellations or refunds after Sunday, September, 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in helping with cooking or other duties regarding the kitchen, please reach out to [Debbie Knutson](#) via email or call or text 507-703-1728.



**NEW - Sunday Football**  
**10:00am—6:00pm**  
**Starting on Sunday, 9/14**





**Follow OUR Lodge on Facebook**

Stay connected with all our events, enjoy photos of our members, and see the many ways we're involved in the community.

You can help us grow by:

- Liking and sharing our posts
- Tagging a friend
- Leaving a comment



## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



### Veterans Meeting (2nd Tuesday)

**Date:** Tuesday, September 9th

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Zoom Information:**

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 826 8547 5089

Passcode: 5BjYXd



### Organized Dog Walking

**Date:** Saturday, September 13th

**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 am

**Address:** 1150 S. 11 Mile Corner, Casa Grande



### Crab Boil & Steak Fry

Place your [order and pay online](#),

**No Cancellations or Refunds after  
September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### CRAB BOIL & STEAK FRY

Music & Dancing by Bob Villa 

September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM-8PM

**\$30 Crab Boil includes:**

- 2 Snow Crab Clusters
- Shrimp
- Sausage
- Mini potatoes
- Corn



OR



**\$30 Steak Fry includes:**

- 12 oz Rib Eye
- Charcoal grilled by Cameron!
- Fully Loaded Baked Potato
- Garden Salad

RSVP

All dinners must be prepaid,  
no cancellations or refunds  
after September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>



**1:00 - 2:00PM**  
**FOOD & DRINK**

**2:00PM**  
**GAMES BEGIN**

Join us on the **1st Saturday** of the month.

Join us for an afternoon of good times, great people and rolling fun.



## 3RD ANNUAL JR PARADA FUNDRAISER



**HISTORIC FLORENCE FOUNDATION**  
PRESENTS

**3RD ANNUAL  
FLORENCE JR PARADA  
FUNDRAISER**




**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, 2025**  
**5PM - 9PM**

**COOLIDGE-FLORENCE ELKS LODGE**

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**FREE ENTRY**

CASH BAR  
LIVE AUCTION  
MUSIC  
RAFFLES  
50/50

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**TOUR THE TASTE OF FLORENCE**  
FLORENCE FUDGE SHOP & CAFE  
MT ATHOS  
A&M PIZZA  
-MORE TO COME-

MEET & GREET  
THE FJP ROYALTY

MYSTERY  
AUCTION  
ITEM











## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



### Blood Drive October 14, 2025



### First Responders Banquet

**Donations Close:** 10/8/2025

**Event:** 10/10/2025

### Veterans Banquet

**Donations Close:** 10/31/2025

**Event:** 11/8/2025



### VETERANS BANQUET BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED!



**NEVER FORGET THE HONOR**

BANQUET IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

## HOMES FOR HEROES PROJECT (HOHP)

### Casa Adobe Elks Lodge #2663 Facebook Post

[See the Full Post](#)

On Thursday, August 7th, Governor Katie Hobbs attend a roundtable discussion at the Arizona State Veteran Home in Tucson. The roundtable offered the chance for the chance for Veteran leadership to have a discussion about the priorities, concerns and issues related to Veteran homelessness and the Governor's newly passed Homes for Heros initiative.



**Through our Homes for Heroes initiative, we're fighting to end veteran homelessness in Arizona. Because every veteran deserves access to safe and affordable housing.**



### HOHP Military Stand Down Event Volunteers are Needed

**Date:** 10/11/2025



#### What is a Stand Down Event?

Historically, "Stand Downs" were times when fatigued military personnel were brought to a safe place to rest and receive essential services like meals, clean uniforms, healthcare, and camaraderie. Today, the concept is extended to support homeless, at-risk, or transitioning veterans—providing them with critical assistance to help stabilize their lives and transition to civilian life

**Volunteers are needed in the kitchen to make lunches or cook breakfast.**

Please contact [Cameron Gilliam](#) with any questions or to sign up to help.



## YOUTH & DRUG AWARENESS

### September Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:30 pm

#### Zoom Information:

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 840 1845 7060

Passcode: 9AMjwy

### Join the Elks Youth & Drug Awareness Committee!

Help support the future of our community by getting involved with our Youth and Drug Awareness efforts.

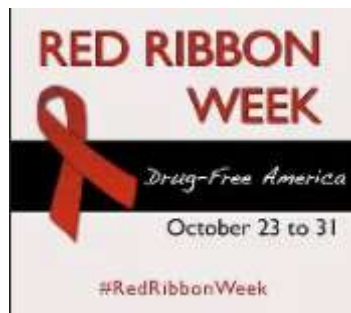
**Together, we can educate, support, and inspire the next generation.**

- Interested in joining? Reach out today or attend our next meeting!
- **Contact:** [Tricia Hotz](#) (925) 550-4850 or [Christine Perry](#) (978) 430-7610

### Drug Awareness

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest drug-prevention awareness campaign, held every year from **October 23–31**. It serves as a time for communities to come

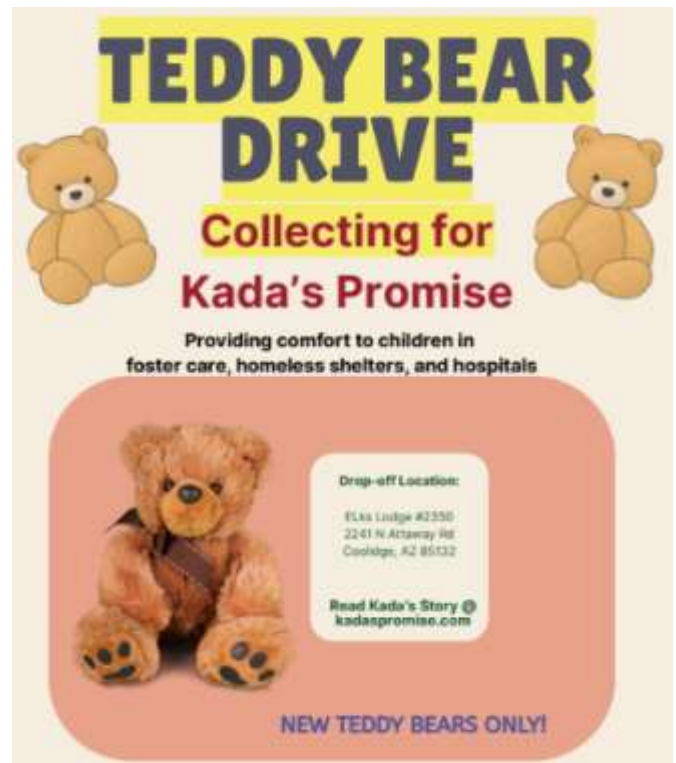
together to educate youth and encourage healthy, drug-free lifestyles. The red ribbon symbolizes a commitment to making safe choices, spreading awareness, and supporting our young people in leading positive, substance-free lives.



Accepting Candy Donations for Fright Fest.



Please reach out to [Christine Perry](#) if your would like to help.





## MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (MVS)

### FUTURE LEADERS WANTED:

\$30,000 SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE TO THE  
TOP 20 SCHOLARS



**2026 Application Closes on 11/12/2025 at 11:59pm Pacific Time**

### 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.
- Scholarships are available only to students who enroll in four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited U.S. American colleges or universities.

### AWARDS

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 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.

Every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and an invitation to the [MVS Leadership weekend](#) in Chicago, April 30—May 3, 2026

### [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION](#)

### [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

### [APPLY NOW](#)



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. (ENF) - LEGACY AWARDS

**\$4,000 SCHOLARSHIPS**  
TO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN  
OF ELKS MEMBERS



**2026 Application Deadline is February 2, 2026 11:59am Pacific Time**

NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific Time

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 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, 2023, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2023, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member for the last two contiguous years through March 31, 2026. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- The applicant must be a high school senior.
- If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must select the parent's Elks Lodge on the application.
- We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2026 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
- 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.
- Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities.
- 2026 Legacy Awards recipient, to further strengthen your connection to the #ElksFamily, you must complete an act of service with a Lodge at least three times during your collegiate career. Click here for more information about serving with the Elks.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**APPLY NOW (LINK TO BE ADDED ON 9/1)**



## GAME NIGHTS



**NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**Ticket Sales begins at 4:00 pm**  
**Calling begins at 5:30 pm**

**Burger Baskets: \$12**

Includes cheeseburger, chips, and a drink  
 (well, domestic beer, or soda)

**\$10 – 3 cards for 10 Games**

Avg payout has been \$110

Maximum payout of \$200

**\$5 – one card for final Black Out Bingo**

Avg payout has been \$850

Maximum payout of \$1,000

70% Divided out on winnings; 30% to the Lodge  
 Class B Bingo License prohibits any game payout of over \$1,000,  
 and total payout for the night of \$3,000



## QUEEN OF HEARTS - THURSDAY'S

**JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY FOR GAMES & QUEEN OF HEARTS**

**August Winners**



**8/7/2025**



**Lou Continelli**

Queen Of Hearts: 2,601

**8/14/2025**



**Karen Blackwell**

6 of Spades: \$30

**8/21/2025**



**Kathy Hotz**

6 of Hearts: \$30

**8/28/2025**



**Deb Hess**

Ace of Clubs: \$100

\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20 — Queen of Hearts - 60% of the Pot — Jokers - \$200

Face Cards or Aces - \$100 — All Other Cards - \$30



## WALK & WAG

**15 minutes of your time = a tail wag that lasts all day!**



**Next Organized Walk:** Saturday, 9/13/2025 6:00 - 9:00am



**Address:** 1150 S. 11 Mile Corner, Casa Grande

### **Our furry friends still need your help!**

Every donation, big or small, brings us one step closer to wagging tails and happy homes. Let's keep the momentum going—your support means the world to them.



**Donations** can be dropped off any pet accessories (leashes, wire crates, pet travel carriers, etc.), pet food and treats, bedding and new pet toys at our Lodge or drop them off at the shelter.

Thank you to everyone that have provided donations for the shelter.

**Come walk a shelter dog — they need your love,** and you just might find your new best friend.

- 🐾 No commitment, just connection.
- 🐾 Every pawprint you help make brings a dog closer to adoption.
- 🐾 Stop by the shelter — your walking buddy is waiting!

### **Please Help Save the Dogs**

Every dog deserves love, safety, and a second chance. Right now, the Pinal County Animal shelter is filled with loyal, loving dogs who are waiting — not for forever — but for *you*.

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