



New Jersey State Elks Association
Peer Leadership Conference
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Dear Secretaries,

We are excited to announce the **38th Annual New Jersey State Elks Peer Leadership Conference**, taking place **February 5–7, 2027**, at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch. Each year, more than **400 high school students** come together for a weekend focused on leadership, healthy decision-making, prevention education, and personal growth.

We are excited to welcome **Dr. Julia Garcia ("Dr. J")**, a nationally recognized youth advocate and motivational speaker, as **one of our dynamic speakers joining us at this year's conference**.

Conference Information

- **Cost:** \$385 per student, including hotel accommodations, meals, workshops, and activities
- **Application Deadline:** December 15, 2026, or when the conference reaches capacity
- **Apply Online:** <https://form.jotform.com/njelksdap/peer2027>
- **Cancellation Deadline:** No refunds after January 5, 2027. Full payment will be required for cancellations after this date.
- **Roommates:** Students should include roommate requests on their applications. Up to four students may be assigned to one room, and students should expect that rooms will likely be filled to capacity.
- **Advisor Copies:** If an advisor email is provided, the advisor will receive a copy of the submitted application.
- **Fillable PDFs:** Fillable applications are available to help ensure information is submitted accurately.
- **Conference Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/njelkspeerleadership>

Funding Opportunities

Funding may be available through:

- Local Municipal Alliances
- New Jersey Opioid Settlement Funds
- Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grants

For funding questions, contact njelksconference@gmail.com.

Elks Member Attendance

Due to increased interest, **Elks member attendance will be limited this year**. All Elks wishing to attend must register in advance. Attendance confirmations will be emailed after applications close and approvals are finalized.

Thank you for your continued support of the Peer Leadership Conference and the youth of New Jersey. **Please note that we have a new mailing address when submitting conference payments.**

Fraternally yours,
Mary Ellen Lawrence
State Drug Awareness Chair