

Tennessee District Awards Information

For Year 2023 - 2024 Tennessee District Awards

Award	Deadline	
Pat Chrostowski Bulletin Award	Mar 1	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson
National Best Club Bulletin Award	Apr 10	Submit entry to The National Exchange Club.
Youth of the Year Award	Apr 30	Submit entry to District A.C.E & Youth Awards chairperson.
A.C.E. of the Year Award	Apr 30	Submit entry to District A.C.E & Youth Awards chairperson.
Legacy of the Year Award	June 1	Submit on-line entry to The National Exchange Club
Don Wright Growth Award NEC President 2013-2014	Apr 30	Based on membership figures provided by National dated May 1 –Apr 30
Phil Howard Good News Award NEC President 2017-2018	Apr 30	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson.
John Hood Exchange Club Member of the Year NEC President 1980-1981	Apr 30	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson
Outstanding Club President	Apr 30	Chosen by Executive Committee of District Board. (omitted from Book)
McKenzie (Ken) Roberts Outstanding District Director NEC President 2001-2002	Apr 30	Chosen by Executive Committee of District Board. (omitted from Book)
Fred Harron Attendance Award NEC President 1984-1985		Roll call of District convention. Based on members present at convention roll call

Scrapbook Award	Roll call of District convention. Submit entry form and scrapbook at registration.
E.W. Sprague Award NEC President 1937-1938	Roll call of District Convention. Submit Entry form at registration
Appendix A	Youth of Year National nomination form
Appendix B	ACE Award National nomination form

Additional Information:

All awards are given for large clubs (75 or more members), mid clubs (30–74 members) and small clubs (29 or fewer members) based on membership at the beginning of the award year (July 1st). This includes Bulletin, Good News, Growth, Scrapbook and E.W. Sprague Awards.

All clubs must follow the time frame and rules to be considered for awards.

Awards criteria that include impact of club's presence in the community should include, but not be limited to media coverage, thank you notes, members asking to join, additional assistance for projects, and partnerships.

All clubs should be sure that any individual submitted for an award will be able to attend the District Convention before submission to the awards chair.

If any due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the following business day will be acceptable.

2023-24 District Awards Chairperson

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Pat Chrostowski Bulletin Award
For Year 2023 - 2024

Entry Form

There will be three Pat Chrostowski Bulletin Awards presented each year

- one for large clubs (those with 75 or more members)
- one for mid clubs (those with 30–74 members)
- one for small clubs (29 or fewer members)

Membership size is determined based on July 1st of the fiscal year. Criteria for this award are based on the following:

- To be eligible, a club must publish at least one bulletin per month.
- This form must be accompanied by at least three and not more than six issues of the bulletin.
- Bulletins will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score.
- Bulletins will be judged on content, readability, eye appeal, club news coverage, and Exchange education (refer to attached rating sheet). These criteria are those established by the National Exchange Club for its national bulletin competition.
- Hardcopy and electronically submitted bulletins will each be judged on their individual and unique qualities – hardcopies judged in print form, and electronically submitted judged electronically.
- To be eligible, all entries must be submitted to the district awards chairperson by **March 1st**.

Exchange Club of _____

Club President Signature

Club Secretary Signature

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Club President phone number

Club Secretary phone number

Pat Chrostowski Bulletin Award Criteria

For Year 2023 - 2024

Content

Maximum points: 30

- A. Is content balanced between news of upcoming meeting programs, other club events, project progress, reports of recent projects, member news, items of general Exchange interest, personality profiles, humor? **Score** _____
- B. Does the bulletin promote participation, attendance, membership, and new club building, Exchange education, and significant news on district and national levels of Exchange? **Score** _____
- C. Does the bulletin carry the correct Exchange Club logo as well as the complete and correct club name, city, state, date, meeting time, and place? **Score** _____

Readability

Maximum points: 10

Does the writing meet acceptable standards of punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, and spelling? Is writing concise, understandable, and accurate? **Score** _____

Eye Appeal

Maximum points: 10

Does the overall appearance of the bulletin stimulate readership? Are the masthead and other elements creatively and neatly handled with occasional artwork, photos, color, etc.? Does the layout incorporate careful attention to white space, page balance, and the importance and organization of the articles? **Score** _____

Total _____

National Best Club Bulletin Award

For Year 2023 - 2024

A plaque will be awarded to three club bulletin editors—one for large clubs with more than 75+ members, one for mid clubs with 30–74 members and one for fewer than 29 members.

The objectives of the National Best Club Bulletin Award are:

- To recognize and encourage excellence among Exchange Clubs in the publication of local Exchange Club bulletins.
- To impress upon club leaders the value to the members and to the success of the club itself of publishing readable, attractive, and informative bulletins on a regular basis.
- To stimulate through the bulletin greater club unity, attendance at meetings, membership participation, involvement, enthusiasm, and awareness of Exchange goals, principles, and ideals.
- To encourage the publication of club bulletins by Exchange Clubs that do not currently do so.

Requirements:

1. Bulletin must be published and distributed at least once a month.
2. Winners of the award become ineligible for the next year's competition.
3. Deadline for receipt of entries at National Headquarters is April 10.
4. Bulletins will be judged for content, readability, and eye appeal. The bulletin in each membership category with the highest score will be the winner.
5. Entries will be judged by a panel of professionals with experience in writing, newspaper or periodical editing, or related communications field.
6. Please submit no more than three samples of a club's bulletin published between April 1 and March 31 for consideration by the judges.

Application: Send **the National Best Club Bulletin Award entry form** and three samples published between April 1 and March 31 to National Headquarters.

Application can be found on the www.nationalexchangeclub.org web site. Member Area, Awards, Publications, “National Best Club Bulletin Award” form (includes instructions).

NOTE: beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009, a Club does not have to win the District Bulletin Award to submit their Club Bulletin for a National Award.

Youth of the Year

For Year 2023 - 2024

Youth of the Year is a National Exchange Club awards program that recognizes outstanding students in the community who have excelled in academics and leadership. When your club becomes involved in this worthwhile program, you are joining hundreds of other clubs across the country in an effort to identify and recognize the youth leaders of the nation.

Local Exchange Club Youth of the Year winners are eligible to compete for the Tennessee District Youth of the Year award. The TN District award carries a scholarship of **at least \$1,000** and the right to compete for the National Exchange Club Youth of the Year award.

The Tennessee District Youth of the Year award will be presented at the TN District convention. **To be eligible, the award winner must be present at the award ceremony to receive the award in person. Local clubs should verify with their candidate that he or she would be able to be present at both the District and National conventions, if required, before submitting the entry. (PLEASE CONTACT YOY CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT)**

Accommodations and meals for the winner and parents/guardians at the convention will be provided by the District. Travel will be the responsibility of the sponsoring club.

How to enter:

1. Complete the nomination form, which can be obtained from the District youth chairperson or from the National website, www.nationalexchangeclub.org.
Note: Section 4 – 2023-2024 Youth of the Year Essay Theme is “How has the increasing emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion impacted American Youth?.”
2. Review and complete the District form which is found on the following page.
The completed and signed form must accompany the entry packet.
3. Make sure school officials, parent/guardian, and sponsoring club president sign the form from National. Club president and club secretary must sign the District form.
4. Include a 5x7 photograph of the nominee, *only if requested by Youth Chair.*
5. Forward the entry forms, required essay, and photograph to the District youth chairperson by **April 30, 2024**

Youth of the Year

For Year 2023 - 2024

District Entry Form

Please review and ensure that the entry will satisfy each of the criteria that follow:

1. The District award winner must be present at the award ceremony of the District Convention. (Confirm prior to submitting entry to District.) **(PLEASE CONTACT YOY CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT)**
2. The National award winner must be available to attend the National Convention. (Confirm prior to submitting entry to District.)
3. To sponsor an entry at the District level, the club must have recognized a minimum of three (3) Youths of the Month from which the Youth of the Year was selected. Please provide name and school for each of the club's Youths of the Month.

4. Both the completed National Entry Form and the completed District Entry Form must be submitted to District as a part of the entry packet.
5. A 5 x 7 photograph of the candidate *may be requested* by the Youth Chairperson
6. The entry packet is due to the District Youth Chairperson no later than **April 30, 2024**.

Exchange Club of _____

Club President Signature

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary Signature

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Club President phone number

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary phone number

Club President email

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary email

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award A.C.E.

For Year 2023 - 2024

The A.C.E. award is a National Exchange Club program that recognizes high school students who have made dramatic changes in their attitude and performance some time during their high school years and are now eligible for high school graduation. These "at risk" students have often overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles, yet few receive recognition.

This is a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award recognizes students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do pay.

The Tennessee District A.C.E. winner is chosen from entries submitted by local Exchange Clubs. The District A.C.E. winner will be presented the award and a scholar-ship of **at least \$1,000** at the District convention. The District winner will also be eligible to compete for the National Exchange Club A.C.E. award.

To be eligible for the District award, the recipient **must be present at the District convention** to accept the award in person. **Local clubs should verify with their nominee that he or she would be able to attend the District convention and, if required, the National convention before submitting the entry. (PLEASE CONTACT YOUTH AWARDS CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT).** Accommodations and meals at the convention for the award winner and the parents/guardians will be provided by the District. Travel to the convention is the responsibility of the sponsoring club.

How to enter:

1. Complete the entry form, which can be obtained from the District youth chairperson or the National website at **www.nationalexchangeclub.org**
2. Follow instructions on page 2, making sure the club president and secretary sign section 3.
3. A 5x7 photo of the nominee *may be requested* by the Youth Chairperson.
4. Forward the entry form, photo, and required narratives to the District youth chairperson by **April 30, 2024**.

**Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award
A.C.E.**

For Year 2023 - 2024

District Entry Form

Please review and ensure that the entry will satisfy each of the criteria that follow:

- 1 The District award winner must be present at the award ceremony of the District Convention. (Confirm prior to submitting entry to District.) **(PLEASE CONTACT YOY CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT)**
- 2 The National award winner must be available to attend the National Convention. (Confirm prior to submitting entry to District.)
- 3 Both the completed National Entry Form and the completed District Entry Form must be submitted to District as a part of the entry packet.
- 4 A 5 x 7 photograph of the candidate may be requested by the Youth Awards Chairperson.
- 5 The entry packet is due to the District Youth Chair no later than **April 30, 2024.**

Exchange Club of _____

Club President Signature

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary Signature

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Club President phone number

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary phone number

Club President email

Club Award Chair or Club Secretary email

Legacy of the Year Award

For Year 2023 2024

The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Exchange Club members.

Legacy of the Year Award candidates will submit applications directly to Exchange's National Headquarters by June 1st. This application must be submitted on-line. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

This is a positive program with two key objectives:

- It helps encourages students to continue with community involvement and leadership
- It recognizes students who have knowledge and experience regarding the sacrifices made for community and country

Applications can be found at www.nationalexchangeclub.org
Login / Member Resources / Awards Page

(Note: you must have a Member Login and Password to access the on-line application)

**Don Wright Growth Award
NEC President 2013-2014**

For Year 2023 – 2024

There will be three Growth Awards presented each year, with competition divided into classifications based on membership growth between **June 1st thru May 31st** of the award year.

Clubs with 29 or fewer members on June 30 will compete in the small club category, clubs with 30–74 members will compete in the mid club category and clubs with 75 or more members will compete in the large club category.

The Growth Awards shall be awarded on the basis of one point per member gain from May through March, using membership figures as listed in the March 31 Membership Report of the National Exchange Club to determine the gain.

**Phil Howard Good News Award
NEC President 2017 - 2018**

For Year 2023 - 2024

Entry Form

Exchange Club of _____

Number of Members on July 1: _____

Public Relations Chairperson: _____

1. Articles must be sorted by month
2. Articles must be clipped
3. Award submission must be presented in a folder

_____ **Club has shown the Exchange identity video to club members, a nonmember group or through a local media outlet.
List Dates shown, Attendance, Station, and Estimated Media Audience.
(5 points for each listing)**

_____ **Club has used Child Abuse Prevention print or video public service announcements one or more times.
List Dates of Air.
(5 points for each listing)**

_____ **Club uses Exchange Club sign or banner at sponsored events.
List Event, Dates and Estimated Attendance.
(5 points for each listing)**

_____ **Club has a sign displayed at its meeting place that reads "The Exchange Club of _____ Meets Here."
Attach Photo.
(10 points)**

_____ **Club uses the national recruiting video or brochure and/or a locally produced recruiting brochure.
Attach copy of brochure.
(10 points)**

Phil Howard Good News Award

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_____ **Club produces a bulletin/newsletter of 12 or more issues per year.
Attach six (6) different months.
(5 points for each)**

_____ **Media coverage of a club member or club event with "Exchange Club" printed in
the article (copy to accompany entry).
(5 points for each)**

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the article (copy to accompany entry).
(5 points for each)**

_____ **Total Points**

Club President Signature

Club Secretary Signature

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Club President phone number

Club Secretary phone number

**John Hood Exchange Club Member of the Year
NEC President 1980-1981**

For Year 2023 – 2024

This award is given annually to the Exchange Club Member who best typifies the ideals of Exchange by involvement in his/her club, community, and country during the award year. The winner will be recognized at the District convention.

Name _____

Member of Exchange Club of _____

Date joined Exchange _____

Offices held this club year _____

Number new members sponsored this club year _____

District activities attended this club year _____

Attendance records this club year (%) _____

List all Exchange Club projects in which the nominee participated in this club year, and describe his/her involvement in each (e.g., chairman, number hours worked, amount of money raised, etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

(use additional sheet, if needed)

John Hood Exchange Club Member of the Year Award

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List all civic, church, school, or other community activities in which the nominee was involved during the club year:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

- 5. _____

(use additional sheet, if needed)

We, the undersigned, attest that the information on this entry form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Nominee Signature

Club President Signature

Club President phone number

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Secretary Signature

Club Secretary phone number

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Date: _____
(Entry deadline is April 30, 2024)

**Fred Harron Attendance Award
NEC President 1984-1985**

For Year 2023 - 2024

During the opening session of the District convention, registration will close for a short period for a roll call of those in attendance.

To determine the winner of the Attendance Award, the number of members from each club present at roll call will be divided by the number of members of the club on May 31st, and then multiplied by the number of miles from the club's home city to the convention site (for clubs in whose home city the convention is held, this number will be 1). The club with the highest point total will receive the Attendance Award.

To be eligible for the award, a club must be in good standing with both National and District and must have a minimum membership of 15. All clubs in contention for the award must verify the roll call by attesting that those members in attendance are in good standing (dues paid).

The convention secretary's member attendance count at roll call will be the sole determinant of the number of members present from each club. Members registered at the convention but not present and answering at roll call will not be counted in the club's total for award purposes.

Outstanding Club Scrapbook Award

For Year 2023 – 2024

- 4. There will be three Outstanding Club Scrapbook awards:
 - one for large clubs (those with 75 or more members on July 1)
 - one for mid clubs (those with 30–74 members on July 1)
 - one for small clubs (29 or fewer members on July 1)
- 2. Scrapbooks will be judged on content and appearance in accordance with the attached rating sheet.
- 5. All entries must be submitted by **roll call** of the District convention to be eligible.
- 6. Entries must be accompanied by this entry form signed by both the club president and the club secretary.

Exchange Club of _____

Club President Signature

Club Secretary Signature

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Club President, phone number

Club Secretary, phone number

Scrapbook Award Criteria

For Year 2023 – 2024

Content

Includes information on:

- Club members
- Club programs and events
- Club's involvement in National service projects
- Club's involvement in local service projects
- Club's involvement in District and National conventions
- Publicity from newspapers and other sources about the club
- Examples of club bulletin

Points (0-30) _____

Appearance

- Club name and number, name of club president and scrapbook committee members
- Use of official Exchange logo, correct format, and correct choice of colors
- Use of headlines/captions
 - Bold, clear and “attention getting”
 - Description to include “who, what, why, where and when”
- Use of artwork, photos (original or downloaded), and color
 - For digital photos, use of photo quality paper and ink jet printing
 - Quality of digital prints and resolution
 - Readability / Typography
 - Note: “a picture is worth 1,000 words, please use good description for each photo
- Creativity and neatness
 - Use of fonts, logos, and colors

Points (0-20) _____

<p style="text-align: center;">E.W. Sprague Award NEC President 1937-1938</p>

For Year 2023 – 2024

The E.W. Sprague Award is given annually to the Exchange Club in the Tennessee District that is judged to have had the greatest impact on its community through its programs of service.

Requirements

1. Receive The National Service Award.

In order to achieve this, a club must report to National electronically the required information to show:

1. Completion of an **Americanism** project.
2. Completion of a **Community Service** project.
3. Participate in a local or National Foundation **Child Abuse Prevention** project.
4. Completion of a **Youth** project.
5. and completion of any two (2) additional projects (in any category).

A copy of the POS (Program of Service) log (available on the NEC website) must accompany the entry form.

To recap: The reported completion of items 1-4 plus any two additional reported projects will result in the club receiving the **National Service Award** for the club year.

2. Membership - 5 points will be added for each net membership gain (July 1 - May 31 of the club year).

3. New club building: 20 points will be awarded for each new Traditional Club chartered during the award year.

4. Club Publicity: - 5 points will be awarded if the club publishes a bulletin at least once a month or maintains information on club website or official social media site.

5. District Conferences: 5 points each will be awarded for each club member in attendance.

6. District convention (previous year): 5 points will be awarded for each club member in attendance at roll call.

7. Inter-club activities: 5 points will be awarded for the completion of each qualifying inter-club activity. Examples of activities are” participating in “Traveling Gavel” program, co-sponsorship of a service project, co-sponsorship of an inter-club social, or co-sponsorship of a fund raiser.

Deadline for entry:

The signed entry form must be submitted at District convention registration prior to roll call. **Any entry not received by roll call will not be eligible.**

**E.W. Sprague Award
NEC President 1937-1938**

For Year 2023 - 2024

Entry Form

Exchange Club of _____

Section 1: National Service Award Qualifying Projects

Americanism (Identify, date, # of members participating):

Community Service (Identify, date, # of members participating):

Child Abuse Prevention (Identify, date, # of members participating):

Youth (Identify, date, # of members participating):

Additional - Category _____ (Identify, date, # of members participating):

Additional - Category _____ (Identify, date, # of members participating):

E.W. Sprague Award Entry Form

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Section 1 (continued)

Date National Service Award awarded _____

_____ **Copy of POS report from National attached (check)**

_____ **Score 100 points for earning National Service Award.**

Section 2 - Other Criteria

1) Membership on 7/1/2023 _____ **Membership on 5/31/2024** _____.

Score 5 points for each net membership gain.

_____ **Points**

2) New Club Building. Name of Club Built _____

Charter Date of New Club _____

Score 20 points for each Club built.

_____ **Points**

3) Club Publicity - Score 5 points for club bulletin published (via print or electronic media) at least once per month (attach a minimum of two examples)

_____ **Points**

4) District Board Meetings/Conferences - Score 3 points for each club member in attendance.

Date Attended _____ **Number of members attending** _____

Date Attended _____ **Number of members attending** _____

Date Attended _____ **Number of members attending** _____

_____ **Points**

5) District Convention (previous year) - Score 3 points for each club member in attendance.

Date Attended _____ **Number of members attending** _____

_____ **Points**

E. W. Sprague Award Entry Form

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Section 2 (continued)

6) Interclub Activities - Score 5 points for the completion of each qualifying Inner Club activity. See above instructions for examples

Date Attended _____ Activity _____ Number of members attending _____

Date Attended _____ Activity _____ Number of members attending _____

_____ Points

Total Points for Sections 1 and 2 _____

Section 3 - Credentials

We, the undersigned, attest that the information contained in this entry form is true, complete, and accurate, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Club President Signature

Date _____

Club President Name (PRINT)

Club Secretary Signature

Date _____

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Section 4 - Child Abuse Prevention Information

Please describe your club's involvement with a local Child Abuse Prevention Center or another child abuse prevention activity:

Please See Attached:

- **Appendix A – Youth of the Year Application**
- **Appendix B – A.C.E. Application**

Youth of the Year Entry Form



THE DISTRICT YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

The entry form is divided into five parts: Sections 1 and 2 address the candidate's achievements during five of his/her final six semesters in high school (this information is normally obtained from school records); Sections 3 and 4 are to be prepared by the candidate; and, Section 5 must be filled out in its entirety.

All grading should be based on a five semester period beginning with the sophomore (10th grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12th grade) year. Be sure to enter a score for each semester in each appropriate activity column, as well as a total.

Section 1a – Activities

Student Government/Class Government - Report on highest office held per group each semester.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication - Report on highest position held per publication each semester.

Musical Organization - "Band" denotes any musical group which is school-sponsored. "Choir" denotes any vocal group which is school-sponsored. "Orchestra" denotes a formal, symphonic musical organization which is school-sponsored, but not included in band activities. "Drum Major/Majorette" must be part of school-sponsored activity.

Debate Activities - "Winner" denotes any recognized award achieved as an individual, or as a member of a team, in either an inter- or intra-school competition. However, only one such victory may be counted per semester. "Team" denotes any group representing either a high school class or the high school as a whole. If the candidate receives a score as a winner and is part of a team, he/she should also receive credit for team membership.

Stage Production - "Performer" denotes active participation on stage as a member of a theatrical or similar school-sponsored production. "Production Crew" denotes participation in an activity necessary to support a school performance (i.e. stage hand, projectionist, makeup, etc.). Only one performance may be counted per semester.

Athletic Teams, Club Membership - See explanation on entry form.

Section 1b — Community Service Activities

Community Organization Membership and Volunteer Service Hours - See explanation on entry form.

Section 2 — Grades

Grade point average is for semester period beginning with the sophomore (10th grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12th grade) year. Multiply the student's G.P.A. (using the 4.0 system) by 50 to get the score for Section 2. G.P.A. may not exceed 4.0.

Section 3 — Special Achievements/Awards

List 10 special achievements and awards, specifying if local, state, or national. Attach a typewritten paragraph describing most outstanding achievement. This section, which can be awarded up to a maximum of 160 points, will be scored by the national judges.

Section 4 — Essay

Follow instructions as indicated on form. The subject of the essay will be announced by a letter from The National Exchange Club. The essay will be scored by the team of national judges, which can award the essay as many as 300 points. The essay should be attached to this form as indicated.

Section 5 — Certification/Information Form

Fill out as indicated. Advise candidate that he/she may be contacted by a representative of The National Exchange Club to obtain additional information for publicity purposes.

District Youth of the Year Candidate
 Submitted by the Exchange Club of _____ Club # _____

National Youth of the Year Candidate
 Submitted by the _____ District

Section 1a — Activities

Student Government/Class Government

- President (4 points)
- Other Officer (3 points)
- Representative (2 points)
- Committee Member (1 point)

POINTS EARNED

Semesters

10	10	11	11	12	

20 points max.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication

- Editor (4 points)
- Manager (3 points)
- Staff (2 points)

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20 points max.

Musical Organization

- Band (2 points)
- Choir (2 points)
- Orchestra (2 points)
- Drum Major/Majorette (2 points)
- Receiving Individual Music Instruction (2 points)

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30 points max.

Debate Activities

- Winner (2 points)
- Team Member (1 point)

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15 points max.

Stage Production

- Performer (2 points)
- Production Crew (1 point)

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15 points max.

Athletic Teams

Captain or Co-Captain (2 points), Team Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester, with points earned for each. Do not include intramural sports.

20 points max.

Club Membership

(Clubs authorized and sponsored by the high school.) Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester, with points earned for each.

20 points max.

Section 1a Total _____
140 points max.

Section 1b – Community Service Activities

Community Organization Membership

(Including youth groups, religious, and service organizations which meet at least once a month.) President (3 points), Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester and no more than 20 hours per semester. Include list of activities performed.

20 points max.

Volunteer Service Hours

(Such as hospital or nursing home service, Salvation Army bell-ringing, etc.) 1 point for every five (5) hours. List no more than two (2) activities per semester and no more than 20 hours per semester.

20 points max.

Section 1b Total _____

40 points max.

Section 2 – Grades

Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____ $\times 50 =$ _____

Section 2 Total _____

200 points max.

Section 3 – Personal Achievements/Awards

Each nominee should list his/her 10 most outstanding achievements and awards, including those for athletics, scouting, talent, etc. The nominee should select the achievement he/she considers to be the most outstanding and describe why in a typewritten paragraph (*maximum 200 words*). Attach paragraph to this form.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>National</i>

Section 3 Total _____

160 points max.

(Please attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Section 4 – Essay

Each nominee will be responsible for preparing an essay on a subject selected by The National Exchange Club. The essay must be 800–1,200 words. Although grammatical correctness and proper use of accepted rules of composition will be considered, points will be awarded primarily on the basis of the overall impact of the essay. Therefore, logical and clear development, as well as the persuasiveness, are most important. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with deeper insight into the character and beliefs of the nominee, and the nominee's ability to clearly communicate with the reader. Based on these impressions, judges may award the essay up to 300 points. Please attach the typewritten essay to this form.

Section 4 Total _____

300 points max.

TOTAL _____

840 points max.

Section 5 – Certification and Information Form

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Date of birth _____

High school _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Parents'/Guardians' names _____

We certify that the above-named student has participated in Section 1 activities, achieved Section 2 grades, and earned Section 3 awards and achievements.

Signature of high school official

Signature of parent/guardian

I certify that this candidate was selected as the Youth of the Year from among at least three (3) Youth of the Month winners selected by my club during the administrative year beginning _____, and is in strict keeping with the rules and regulations of the Youth of the Month program as provided by The National Exchange Club.

Signature of club president

Exchange Club of

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award - A.C.E.



THE DISTRICT A.C.E. AWARD OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PURPOSE

The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award recognizes high school students who have had to overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are now eligible for high school graduation.

This is a positive program with two key objectives: it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma; and it recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance are rewarded.

The submission deadline for the National A.C.E. Award is June 1. The winner will be presented the A.C.E. Award and a \$15,000 scholarship at Exchange's National Convention. Travel accommodations will be provided to the winner and his/her parents/guardians.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contact your local high school for a potential candidate for the award. A partial list of difficulties to overcome could include physical, language, child abuse, delinquency, and/or substance abuse.
2. Ensure the candidate will graduate from high school this year, OR complete GED classes by the age of 19, by the time of submission of application to National Headquarters (June 1).
3. Obtain school official and parent/guardian signatures.
4. Recognize the selected individual at an appropriate club meeting.
5. If you plan to enter your candidate in the district competition, be sure the A.C.E. Award chairperson has the description narrative (500 words maximum) and the candidate's two brief narratives (250 words maximum) before the deadline.
6. The district may use the same judging procedure as National Headquarters or determine its own selection process.
7. The district may select one or two (if opposite gender) candidates to submit to National Headquarters by June 1. Advise candidate that he/she may be contacted by a representative of The National Exchange Club to obtain additional information for publicity purposes.

See note under Section 3 for candidate eligibility at the national level.

SECTION 1 – PREPARED BY SPONSORING CLUB OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Exchange Club of _____

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Date of birth _____

Narrative: (not to exceed 500 words) Describe the problem and how it/they was/were overcome, include implications for the future.

We certify that the above named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and will graduate this year _____ from _____ High School.

Signature of school official

Signature of parent/guardian

Signature of Exchange Club president

SECTION 2 – PREPARED BY CANDIDATE

Narrative A (not to exceed 250 words) *Attach additional pages as necessary.

Describe, in your own words, the event (or events) in your life of which you are most proud. (50 points max.)

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words) *Attach additional pages as necessary.

Describe, in your own words, your future plans for making your community, and the world, a better place to live. (50 points max.)