



January 22, 2009

**The National Exchange Club
Rocky Mountain District
Ace & Youth of the Year Club Chairpersons**

The information provided within this letter is intended to produce for your club a foundation and procedure for submitting to The Rocky Mountain District qualified candidates for awards of "District Youth of the Year" and "District A.C.E. Award Winner."

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Your club president should have received all information from National on the "Youth of the Month/Year" Award program for 2008-2009. These project guides provide explanation and guidance on how to participate in this special community youth project, in addition to information on the National Youth of the Year Program.

This years Youth of the Year Essay topic is "America's Youth: Stepping Forward to Change the Beat of America."

Monday April 13th, 2009 is the final day Applications with Essays may be turned into the Rocky Mountain District. A District winner will be selected the week of May 4th and will be submitted to the National Exchange Club prior to their June 1st 2009 deadline.

The District winner will be honored at the District Convention held in St. George, Utah June 4th -7th with an award of \$750.00 as scholarship funds to assist with their further education. The National Youth of the Year winner will receive a scholarship of \$10,000 in two installments. The first of which will be presented at the 2009 Convention held July 15th - 18th at the Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, FL, and the second at the time the winner registers for his or her second year of college.

A.C.E. AWARD

This is the 12th year the Rocky Mountain District has presented the A.C.E. Award, and it is the 8th year this award is being presented by the National organization.

The "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" award recognizes a student who has made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years, and as such is now eligible for High School Graduation.

Wednesday April 15th, 2009 is the deadline for applications and letters to be turned into the Rocky Mountain District. A District winner will be selected the week of May 4th, and will be honored at the District Convention June 4th-7th in St. George. A \$750.00 cash scholarship will be presented to the student who will be continuing their education.

The District winner will be submitted for the National Award prior to June 1st. National will award a \$10,000 scholarship in a manner similar to the Youth of the Year award at the convention in Jacksonville, Florida during the July convention. The National Exchange Club will provide a convention package to the honoree and his or her two chaperons.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates in order to be eligible must be able to accept this award in person at the District Convention to be held June 4th -7th, in St. George, Utah and at the Youth Recognition Luncheon in Jacksonville, Florida the week of July the 15th - 18th.

Each Club will be allowed to submit only one candidate to the District. The district has the option to select two candidates for submission to National if they meet the qualifications and are of opposite sex.

If, as your club's Youth Chairperson you have questions in regards to the submission of your candidate for District consideration or about the procedures of this award, you may call or reach me at the following numbers:

Mark C. Loosli - Tetra	Tel: 801-566-2600 Ext. 112 (Work)
Rocky Mountain District	Tel: 801-450-4411 (Cell)
3165 East Millrock Drive #400	Fax: 801-365-6263
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121	E-mail: mark@tetracsi.com

Youth of the Year Entry Form



EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL 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 or 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. Section 5 must be filled out in full.

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. Make 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 or 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 letter from the National Exchange Club. The essay will be scored by the team of national judges who 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 or 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						Total
Semesters						
10	10	11	11	12		

30 points max.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication

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

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30 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 _____
 160 points max.

Section 1b — Community Service Activities

Community Organization Membership

(Including youth groups, religious or 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) _____ x 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 or she considers to be the most outstanding and describe why in a typewritten paragraph of not more than 200 words. (Attach paragraph to this form.)

Date	Description	Local	State	National

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 on the judges. Therefore, logical and clear development, as well as the persuasiveness of the argument are most important. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with a 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 _____
360 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

(To be completed for national nominees only)

Submitted by _____
Name of Sponsoring District _____
Name of District President _____
Name of Exchange Club originally sponsoring candidate _____

Coordinating Responsibility

Candidate must be able to accept the award in person at the scheduled event at the National Convention in order to win. Verify with candidate **before submitting entry form to National.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

Any additional communication regarding this application will be directed to the Exchangite named above unless the National Exchange Club is otherwise instructed.

In accordance with the program requirements, I confirm that all information contained herein is accurate and conforms to the rules and regulations as established by the National Exchange Club.

Signature of District President

*Please attach a 5" x 7" glossy black and white photo to be used for publicity purposes.

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



EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL 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. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award 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 really do pay.

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 \$10,000 scholarship at the 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 or substance abuse.
2. Ensure that the candidate will graduate from high school this year.
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 max.) and the two candidate brief narratives (250 words max.) before the deadline.
6. The district may use the same judging procedure as National or determine their own selection process.
7. The district may select one or two (if opposite sex) candidates to submit to National by June 1st. Advise candidate that he or 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 _____

Home Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Narrative: (not to exceed 500 words) Describe problem and how it was 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 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 that you are most proud of. (50 points max.)

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

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

Section 3 – Prepared by District for National Nominees Only

The above student has been selected by the _____ District as its candidate for the (year) _____ National A.C.E. Award.

Coordinating Responsibility

The following Exchange from the sponsoring district will be responsible for the nominee's attendance at the National Convention in the event the entry is designated a winner.

District Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

Please attach a 5" x 7" black and white photo to be used for publicity purposes.

Note: Candidate must be able to accept the award in person at the scheduled event at the National Convention in order to win. Call National Headquarters for current year's dates & times, 800-XCHANGE (924-2643), and verify with candidate **before submitting entry form to National.**

Any additional communication regarding this application will be directed to the Exchange named above unless the National Exchange Club is otherwise instructed. In accordance with the program requirements, I confirm that all the information contained herein is accurate and conforms to the rules and regulations as established by the National Exchange Club.

Signature of District President