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DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS

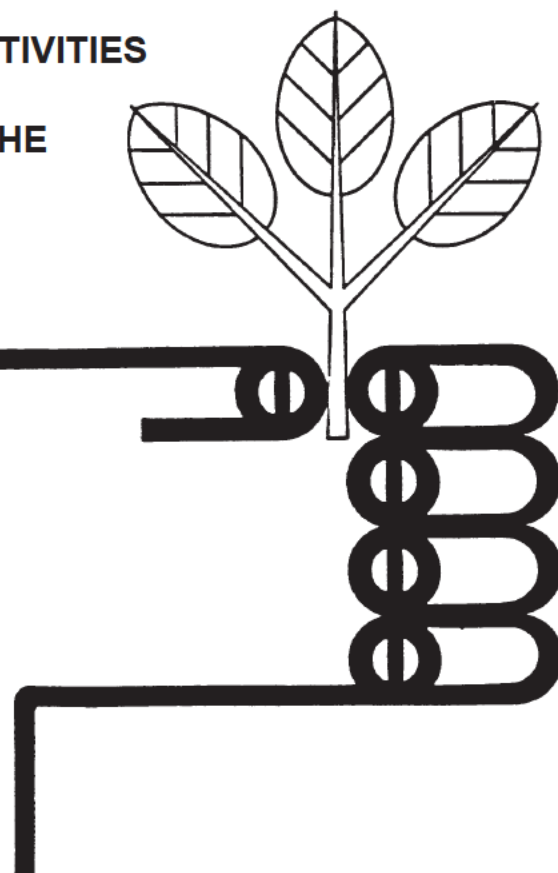
**THE DISTRICT and
NATIONAL YOUTH
OF THE YEAR AWARD**



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**PLEASE INCLUDE ALL GRADES AND ACTIVITIES
FROM THE 10TH GRADE THROUGH AND
INCLUDING THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE
STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR.**

*Exchange, America's Premier
Service Club, working to make our
communities better places to live.
Core values: Family, Community, Country*



Instructions For Youth of the Year Award

The Exchange Club's Youth of the Year program is a Local, District and National Competition. Students who win at the Local Club level go on to compete at the District Level (award \$2,500) and possibly at the National level (award \$15,000).

This prestigious youth award is not just a scholastic award. The Youth of the Year winner is proven to be a most well-rounded individual who is not only a good student, but an involved student. Aside from points earned for **non-weighted GPA**, points are also scored for participation in school and community organizations.

The winning District Youths of the Year will receive the Youth of the Year Award and a \$2,500 cash scholarship. The District will present their awards at this year's District Convention which will be held in June 2024 at a site TBD. The winners will be notified of the time and place prior to June 1, 2024. **The winning District Youths of the Year must be able to participate in the Convention.**

Below is an outline to navigate through the application process. To all involved, we wish you the best!

Essay Topic For 2024:

“How has the increasing emphasis on diversity and inclusion impacted American youth?”

**BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER, CALENDAR
YOUR DEADLINES NOW! THESE DATES WILL NOT
BE EXTENDED.**

- **Deadline for submission of Part 1: March 4, 2024.**

Part 1 includes: Section 1a, 1b, 2, and 5 of the application provided. Be sure to include your academic **TRANSCRIPT** along with Section 2. An uncertified copy of the transcript is acceptable.

- **Deadline for submission of Part 2: April 15, 2024.**

Part 2 includes: Sections 3 and 4 of the application provided.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

1. Familiarize yourself with the Youth of the Year Program.
2. Select students to apply keeping in mind that this is not a “scholastics only award.” The award is given to reward well-rounded students who are involved in activities such as student government, publications, music, debate, stage productions, athletics, clubs, and community organizations.
3. Get applications and deadlines delivered to students.
4. Sign off on school activities and **NON-WEIGHTED GPA** in Section 5 of the application.

PROCURE A COPY OF EACH APPLICANT’S NON-WEIGHTED TRANSCRIPT. THIS TRANSCRIPT IS A PART OF THE APPLICATION AND MUST BE SUBMITTED! TRANSCRIPT MAY BE A NON-CERTIFIED COPY.

5. Serve as liaison to the local Exchange Club Chair of the Youth of the Year Program.

FOR PARENTS

1. Familiarize yourself with Youth of the Year application and process.
2. Sign certification (Section 5) which gives witness to your son/daughter’s activities and awards.

FOR STUDENT APPLICANT

1. Familiarize yourself with Youth of the Year application and process. Note deadlines for Part 1 (**March 4, 2024**) and Part 2 (**April 15, 2024**). You may choose to submit both parts 1 and 2 by **March 4, 2024**, but it is not required.
2. Use black ink or black printer cartridge only. Be sure your application is neat, clear and dark as several copies are made from your original.

3. DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED SUCH AS RESUMES, LETTERS OF COMMENDATION, OR WORK EXPERIENCE.
4. Read and follow instructions on cover of application YOUTH OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM-THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM included in this package. These instructions are to assist you in completing Part 1 (Sections 1a, 1b, 2, and 5.) Part 1 must be delivered on or before **March 4, 2024**.
5. If you are selected as a finalist, you must complete Part 2 which includes Section 3 (Personal Achievements & Awards, including your paragraph describing your most outstanding achievement and why) and Section 4 (Essay) and submit them no later than **April 15, 2024**. **YOU MAY, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO, SUBMIT BOTH PARTS 1 AND 2, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS, BY MARCH 4, 2024.**
6. Please note that points in sections 1a and 1b are given only for the highest level of achievement per semester. For example, the Captain or Co-Captain of an athletic team receives 2 points per semester. You do NOT receive an additional point for being a team member.
7. Your name is to appear ONLY on the Certification & Information Section 5 or on the identification sheet to be attached to the essay in Section 4.
No indication of school name or student locality is to be used in your list of awards or your essay. For example, if receiving an award from Long Beach City, indicate it only as “City” or if from Wilson High School, use “School” or Orange County, use “County.” There should be little information gleaned from the activities list or from the essay as to your identity or location.
8. Should you be chosen as a finalist and asked to write an essay and list your top 10 achievements/awards along with a paragraph describing your most outstanding achievement, please keep the following in mind: 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 presented, are most important. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with a deeper insight into the character and beliefs of the finalist as well as the finalist’s ability to clearly communicate with the reader.

Youth of the Year Entry Form



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/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 ON A SEPARATE SHEET!

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.

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. 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

(TO BE COMPLETED FOR NATIONAL NOMINEES ONLY)

Submitted by _____

Name of sponsoring district _____

Name of district president _____

Name of sponsoring Exchange Club _____

Coordinating Responsibility

To win, the candidate must be able to accept the award in person, at the scheduled event, at Exchange's National Convention. Call National Headquarters for current year's date/time at 419.535.3232, and verify with candidate *before submitting the entry form to National Headquarters.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

Any additional communication regarding this application will be directed to the Exchange Club member 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

***Along with the entry form, a photo (head & shoulders) of the nominee is required. If a digital photo is submitted, please ensure it is high resolution (150 dpi or higher). Photos submitted to The National Exchange Club will not be returned.**