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EXCHANGE CLUB OF HAVERHILL, MA

A.C.E. Award

(Accepting the Challenge of Excellence)

High School Counselor/Student Packet

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General Program Information

About the A.C.E. Scholarship Program

The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award is a \$2,000 scholarship that honors high school students who have made a dramatic turnaround in their attitude, performance, and future outlook during their high school years. These students often overcome significant challenges—such as physical disabilities, language barriers, abuse, delinquency, or substance abuse—and yet receive little recognition for their achievements.

The A.C.E. Award shines a light on their perseverance and determination, celebrating their success as they prepare to graduate.

The A.C.E. Award is a powerful and uplifting program with two key goals:

1. To inspire students to overcome adversity and stay on the path to graduation.
2. To recognize and celebrate those who are often overlooked, showing that resilience and hard work truly matter.

This recognition not only honors deserving students but also sets a meaningful example for others in the community.

Winner(s) will be selected at the local level to advance to the district competition, with the opportunity to compete nationally for a \$15,000 scholarship!

Eligibility Requirements

Applications must be submitted via email to **scholarships@haverhillexchangeclub.com** no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**.

Candidates must be a resident of Haverhill, MA **OR** attend one of the following schools: ***Haverhill High School, Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, Pentucket Regional High School, or Bradford Christian Academy.***

Candidates must be eligible to graduate from high school **this year**, and have plans to attend a college, university, certification/training program, or earn continuing education credits to further their education.



Instructions for Submitting an Application

Section 1: Contact Information

Section 2: Counselor Narrative (not to exceed 500 words):

Describe in detail the student's challenge, how they overcame it, and the student's outlook for the future. Emphasize how the student overcame their problem(s) and outlook for the future as the selection committee relies heavily on these items when grading applications.

**Counselor Narrative can be attached to the application, or submitted separately via email to scholarships@haverhillexchangeclub.com*

Section 3: Student Narratives (not to exceed 250 words):

- **Narrative A:** Describe the biggest challenge you have overcome in high school that you are most proud of.
- **Narrative B:** Describe in your own words, your plans for the future to make your community and world a better place to live.

Section 4: Counselor/Parent/Club Officer Certification

Signatures from the School Official and Parent/Guardian must accompany the application. The Club President's signature will be added later.

Applications must be submitted via email to scholarships@haverhillexchangeclub.com no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**.

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and notification of the award will be made no later than April 30, 2026.

Questions may be emailed to: scholarships@haverhillexchangeclub.com



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Submission Deadline:

Sponsoring Club:

Club Chairperson's Name:

Club President Name:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

SECTION 1: Contact Information (All Fields are Required)

Student's Name on Award::

Student Name:

Gender:

Address:

City:

ST: Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Birth Date:

High School:

Parent/
Guardian Name:

Address:

City:

ST: Zip:

Email:

Phone Number:

School Official Name:

Address:

City:

ST: Zip

Email Address:

Phone Number:



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SECTION 2: Counselor Narrative - Prepared by a School Official/Counselor

Narrative (not to exceed 500 words): Describe the student's challenge, how it was overcome, and the student's outlook for the future. This narrative may be written below, attached to the application, or submitted separately via email to scholarships@haverhillexchangeclub.com



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SECTION 3: Student Narrative A — Prepared by Student

Narrative A (not to exceed 250 words): Describe the biggest challenge you have overcome in high school that you are most proud of. This narrative can be completed in the space below or attached separately.



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SECTION 3: Student Narrative B — Prepared by Student

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words): Describe in your own words, your plans for the future to make your community and world a better place to live. This narrative can be completed in the space below or attached separately.



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SECTION 4: Counselor/Parent/Club Officer Certification

Must be filled out in its entirety

In accordance with the established rules and regulations of The National Exchange Club, we certify that the below-named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and will graduate this year.

(Student's name) will graduate
this year from High School.

Signature of School Official

Date:

Signature:

Name:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date:

Signature:

Name:

Signature of Club President

Date:

Signature:

Name: