



# EXCHANGE

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Club Leaders,

3/11/2019

The following is a summary of the awards that will be presented at the District Convention on **May 18, 2019**. **All members in good standing will also be eligible to win a National Convention package valued at \$230.00.** Members who **Pre-Register ahead of time and** attend the **FULL** day and banquet on Saturday, May 18, 2019 can increase their chances of winning.

**Youth of the Year Award:** presented at the Youth of the Year Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2019. **The YOY must be present to be eligible for \$2000 Scholarship.** The YOY will be asked to read his/her essay. This year's theme is "*How I Am A Catalyst In My Community*". Financial aid for family members is available if your club cannot afford to sponsor the luncheon fees. Please use the attached application for your candidate. We are using the NEC's application since the winner's application will be forwarded to National for the National YOY Award.. **Send All Pertinent Youth Applications, Essays and Information to: Elizabeth Grantham, [elizabethforexchange@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethforexchange@gmail.com) or 1344 Royal Links Dr., Mt. Pleasant SC 29466 by May 1st.**

**A.C.E. Award,** presented at the Youth of the Year Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Please see attached application. **Winner MUST be present** to be eligible for \$2,000 scholarship. For the first time, we are also awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to our A.C.E. runner up. **Runner up MUST be present** to be eligible for \$1,000 scholarship. Financial aid for family members is available if your club cannot afford to sponsor the luncheon fees. Please see attached application. **Send All Pertinent Youth Applications, Essays and Information to: Gary Leonard [gleonard05@comcast.net](mailto:gleonard05@comcast.net) or 2982 Winners Circle, Charleston, SC, 29414, no later than May 1, 2019.**

**Young Citizenship Award,** Presented to an Elementary and Middle School age child who has demonstrated good citizenship in his/her community. The award will be presented at the Youth of the Year Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Please see attached application.

**Recruiting Award:** Awarded to the Exchangite who has recruited the most new members since the beginning of the administrative year, July 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. The figures from the National Report ending April 30, 2019, will be used to determine the winner.

**Scrapbook Award:** presented to the Club that submits the best scrapbook depicting its activities and programs for the year. Scrapbooks should be brought to the convention on Saturday, May 18, 2019 by 11:30 am for judging.

**Best Newsletter Award:** The winner will be announced at the District Convention Dinner. Please email three of your best newsletters/bulletins to: **Gary Leonard** gleonard05@comcast.net **no later than May 1, 2019.** Issues submitted for judging should have been published between July 1, 2018 and April 25, 2019.

**Exchangite of the Year Award:** nomination form is included in this mailing. Entries should be submitted to: **Gary Leonard** gleonard05@comcast.net or 2982 Winners Circle, Charleston, SC, 29414, **no later than May 1, 2019.**

**All-American Volunteer:** nomination form is included in this mailing. Entries should be submitted to: **Gary Leonard** gleonard05@comcast.net or 2982 Winners Circle, Charleston, SC, 29414, **no later than May 1, 2019.**

**Growth Awards:** plaques given to the first place winners in each of the following membership categories:

LARGE CLUB	75 or more members
MEDIUM CLUB	40-74 Members
SMALL CLUB	39 members or less

The figures from the National Report ending April 30, 2019, will be used to determine the winners.

**WE WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE THOSE CLUBS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR NATIONAL PROGRAM OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES.** The reporting period for this recognition shall be July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. These awards are designed to encourage reporting on the National website [www.nationalexchangeclub.org](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org) If you do not have internet access or need to know how to report, please call 1-800-XCHANGE or 1-800-924-92643 for assistance.

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND ADHERE TO ALL DEADLINES AS YOU MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION.**

Gratefully,  
Sheryl Bidwell, District President  
sherylbidwell@gmail.com

(843)452-5778



# 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 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) year. Be sure to enter a score for each semester in each appropriate activity column, as well as a total.

### Section 1a — Activities

*Students 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 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**APPLICATIONS MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY  
MAY 1, 2019.  
INCOMPLETE  
SUBMISSIONS WILL  
NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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**

**Students 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) \_\_\_\_\_ 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/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.)

Theme "HOW AM I A CATALYST IN MY COMMUNITY"

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed application by May 1, 2019 to:  
Elizabeth Grantham [elizabethforexchange@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethforexchange@gmail.com) or  
1344 Royal Links Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

To win, the applicant must be able to accept the award in person at the District Youth Luncheon to be held on May 18, 2019. The \$2,000 check will be made payable to the college listed on the acceptance letter. Winner will be announced by May 9, 2019. If the applicant is chosen as the National winner, s/he must be able to attend the National Convention on July 17-18 in Virginia where a \$15,000.00 scholarship will be awarded.

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



## 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: 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 \$10,000 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.

## 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.)

Please return completed application by May 1, 2019 to:

Gary Leonard, SC District Vice President

[gleonard05@comcast.net](mailto:gleonard05@comcast.net)

call 843-270-5355 to make sure your application was received.

To win, the applicant must be able to accept the award in person at the District Youth Luncheon to be held on May 18, 2019. The \$2,000 check will be made payable to the college listed on the acceptance letter. Winner will be announced by May 9, 2019. If the applicant is chosen as the National winner, s/he must be able to attend the National Convention on July 17-18 in Virginia where a \$15,000.00 scholarship will be awarded.





## **SC District Young Citizenship Award**

If your Club awarded a Youth Citizenship Award, submit him/her for this years' District Award. The award will be presented to the winner at the annual District Convention.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Club President

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**Deadline: May 1, 2019**

**Send All Pertinent Youth Applications, Essays and Information To:**

**Gary Leonard, District Vice President**

**gleonard05@comcast.net OR**

**2982 Winners Circle, Charleston, SC, 29414**

# DISTRICT EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION



The Exchange Club of \_\_\_\_\_ places in nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
for the District Exchangite of the Year to be honored at the May 18 Annual Banquet at the Isle of Palms.

Activity and points shown are for the time period July 1 to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_.

Send this completed application and narrative to Gary Leonard, District VP no later than May 1, 2019.

Activity and points shown are for the time period July 1 to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application due to National Headquarters by June 1.**

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| <p>1. Built a new club as sponsor or cosponsor<br/><i>List new club name</i> _____</p>   | <p>8 points</p>                                    | <p>_____</p>                           |
| <p>1b. Mentoring a new Exchange Club<br/><i>List club names</i> _____<br/>_____<br/>_____</p>  | <p>8 points</p>                                    | <p>_____</p>                           |
| <p>2. Membership</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Sponsored one new member</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Sponsored three new members</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. Each new member sponsored over 3 (maximum 4 points)</p>   | <p>1 point</p> <p>3 points</p> <p>1 point each</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3. Served as: (circle two)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Club President - Secretary - Treasurer - Bulletin Editor - Chair<br/>Major Fundraiser - Program Chair - functioning Publicity<br/>Chair (must document) (4 points maximum)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(please circle)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Club Board Member - Chair Major Committee<br/>List Committees: (2 points maximum)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>2 points each</p> <p>1 point each</p>           | <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(circle two)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. Working Club President Elect - Immediate Past President -<br/>Member playing major role on major committee - Club<br/>Photographer - House Chair - Prepared Meeting Room -<br/>Custodian (must document) (2 points maximum)</p>  | <p>1 point each</p>                                | <p>_____</p>                           |

4. Served as: (circle one)
- a. District President - Secretary - Treasurer - President-Elect 3 points \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. District Board Member  
(must be recommended by District President) 2 points \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. District Committee Chair  
(must be recommended by District President) 1 point \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. District President of a district with positive growth 4 points \_\_\_\_\_
5. Up to 4 points may be awarded for items not listed above at the discretion of the judges (Please describe/explain) 1 point each \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

6. Convention attendance during 2-year window (4 points maximum) List conventions attended. 1 point each \_\_\_\_\_
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|---------------------|-------|----------|
| District Convention | _____ | _____    |
|                     | Date  | Location |
| District Convention | _____ | _____    |
|                     | Date  | Location |
| National Convention | _____ | _____    |
|                     | Date  | Location |
| National Convention | _____ | _____    |
|                     | Date  | Location |

NARRATIVE – NATIONAL EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR  
(MAXIMUM 1,200 WORDS)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Two signatures required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM  
FOR THE SC DISTRICT  
ALL-AMERICAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

The Exchange Club of \_\_\_\_\_ places in nomination  
\_\_\_\_\_ for SC District All-American Volunteer of the year.

Activity and points shown are for the time period July 1 to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Served on Club-level committees: (must document) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many days during the year did the nominee work for Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many hours did the nominee work for Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In how many different projects did the nominee participate? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Attach 1-page narrative. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nominee attended at least 75% of club meetings:                      yes or no (circle)
7. Nominee participated in at least 80% of club projects:                      yes or no (circle)

**Note: Any member who has served as a District or National Officer for the past 5 years is ineligible.**

**Due No Later Than May 1, 2019**

**Send To:**

**Gary Leonard, District Vice President  
gleonard05@comcast.net OR  
2982 Winners Circle, Charleston, SC, 29414**