

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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: 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

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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.