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Youth of the Year Award

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General Program Information

About the Youth of the Year Program

The Youth of the Year Award is a \$3,000 scholarship that aims to celebrate and support an outstanding student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic achievement, and community involvement.

The Youth of the Year honoree is proven to be a well-rounded individual who is not only a good student but also involved. Aside from earning points for non-weighted GPA, points are given for participation in school and community organizations.

The winner selected at the local level will 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 also demonstrate **leadership** in school or community activities, in addition to significant involvement in **community service** or **extracurricular activities**.

Candidates must be in their senior year of high school, eligible to graduate **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 1A & 1B: Activities & Community Service

All points should be based on a five-semester period beginning with sophomore year and ending with the close of the first semester of senior year. Be sure to get a score for each semester in each appropriate activity column, as well as total.

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.

Section 2: Grades

Enter your GPA based on a non-weighted 4.0 scale. In addition, **please submit a copy of your transcript** with your application.

Section 3: Personal Achievements/Awards

List your top 10 achievements/awards including a short essay highlighting your most outstanding achievement. *Awards and the essay can be completed in the space provided or attached separately.*

Section 4: Essay

An 800-1,200 word essay on the following topic:

Essay can be completed in the space provided or attached separately.

"In a world that is constantly changing and ever evolving, our youth play critical roles in shaping the future of their communities. From advocating to leading, young people are taking charge and making significant impact. How have you personally contributed to society and how do you envision your future in community service?"

Section 5: Counselor/Parent/Club Officer Certification

Signatures from a School Official and Parent/Guardian must accompany the application.

The Club President's signature will be added later.

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***](mailto: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 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 1A: Activities

List **Student Government / Class Government** that you are a member of, that meet or participate in service to the school. Report on highest office held per group each semester.

	Semester				
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Total Points
President (4 points)					
Other Officer (3 points)					
Representative (2 points)					
Committee Member (1 point)					
					(20 Points MAX)

List **Newspaper/Annual School Publication** that you are a member of, that meet or participate in service to the school. Report on highest position held per publication each semester.

	Semester				
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Total Points
Editor (4 points)					
Manager (3 points)					
Staff (2 points)					
					(20 Points MAX)

List **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.

	Semester				
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Total Points
Band (2 Points)					
Choir (2 Points)					
Orchestra (2 Points)					
Drum Major/Majorette (2 Points)					
Individual Music Instructions (2 Points)					
					(30 Points MAX)

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List 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. If the student receives a score as a winner and is part of a team, he/she should also receive credit for team membership.

	Semester					
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	Total Points
Winner (2 points)						
Team Member (1 point)						(15 Points MAX)

List 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. stagehand, projectionist, makeup, etc.). Only one performance may be counted per semester.

	Semester					
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	Total Points
Performer (2 points)						
Production Crew (1 point)						(15 Points MAX)

List Athletic Teams – no more than 2 per semester, points earned for each.

Do not include intramural sports.

	Semester					
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	Total Points
Captain or Co-Captain (2 Points)						
Team Member (1 Point)						(20 Points MAX)

List Club Memberships authorized by the school – no more than 2 per semester, points earned for each.

	Semester					
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	Total Points
Officer (2 points)						
Member (1 point)						(20 Points MAX)

Total Points

Section 1A: Activities Point Total (140 max):

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Section 1B: Community Service Activities

All points should be based on a five-semester period beginning with the sophomore year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior year. Be sure to get a score for each semester in each appropriate activity column, as well as total.

List Community Organization Membership, i.e. youth groups, religious, and service organizations that meet at least 1x/month (no more than 2 per semester)

	Semester				
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Total Points
President (3 Points)					
Officer (2 Points)					
Member (1 Point)					
					(20 Points MAX)

List Volunteer Service Hours, i.e. hospital or assisted living facility, Salvation Army bell ringing, etc.

	Semester				
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Total Points
No more than 20 hours per semester - Award 1 point for every 5 hours)					
					(20 Points MAX)

Total Points

Section 1B: Community Service Activities Section Point Total (40 max.):

Section 2: Grades

GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____ x **50** = Section 2: Total Point Grades (200 Max.): _____



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Section 3: Personal Achievements/Awards

List only ten(10) of your most outstanding achievements and awards, including those for athletics, scouting, talent, etc.

List of Achievements (include dates and descriptions):

Date	Description	Local	State	National
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Student Achievements Essay - Of the achievements listed above, select the one you consider to be the most outstanding and describe why (maximum 200 words) for 160 points maximum.



Section 4: Essay

Each student is responsible for preparing an essay on a subject selected by The National Exchange Club. The essay must be 800–1,200 words maximum. Although grammatical correctness and proper use of accepted rules of composition will be considered, points will be awarded primarily based on the overall impact of the essay. Therefore, logical and clear development, as well as 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.

Youth of the Year Essay Topic:

"In a world that is constantly changing and ever evolving, our youth play critical roles in shaping the future of their communities. From advocating to leading, young people are taking charge and making significant impact. How have you personally contributed to society and how do you envision your future in community service?"

Note: Extra Pages to follow



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Section 4: Essay Continued:



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Section 4: Essay Continued:



Section 5: 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.

(Students 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:



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Section 1A: Activities Point Total (140 Max): _____

Section 1B: Community Service Activities Section Point Total (40 Max.): _____

Section 2: Total Point Grades (200 Max.): _____

Section 3: Total Point Special Achievements / Awards (160 Max.): _____

Section 4 – Essay (300 Max.): _____

Total Points all Sections: _____