

Youth of the Year Entry Form



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THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

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 or 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. Section 5 must be filled out in full.

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. Make 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 or 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 letter from the National Exchange Club. The essay will be scored by the team of national judges who 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 or 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 | | | | | |
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| Semesters | | | | | |
| 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | Total |
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30 points max.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication

- Editor (4 points)
- Manager (3 points)
- Staff (2 points)

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30 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.

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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.

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20 points max.

Section 1a Total _____

160 points max.

Section 1b – Community Service Activities

Community Organization Membership

(Including youth groups, religious or 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.

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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.

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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 or she considers to be the most outstanding and describe why in a typewritten paragraph of not more than 200 words. (Attach paragraph to this form.)

| Date | Description | Local | State | National |
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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 on the judges. Therefore, logical and clear development, as well as the persuasiveness of the argument are most important. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with a 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 _____
860 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 Exchange Club originally sponsoring candidate _____

Coordinating Responsibility

Candidate must be able to accept the award in person at the scheduled event at the National Convention in order to win. Verify with candidate **before submitting entry form to National.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

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

**Please attach a 5" x 7" photo to be used for publicity purposes.*