

# Exchange Club Youth of the Year Scholarship

## Official Entry Form

**Applications must be postmarked or emailed by April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 (10th grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12th grade) year. Be 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/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 is in the application 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.

**POINTS EARNED**

**Semesters**

10	10	11	11	12	

**Section 1a - Activities**

*Student Government/Class Government*

- President (4 points)
- Other Officer (3 points)
- Representative (2 points)
- Committee Member (1 point)

**20 points max.**

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*Newspaper/Annual School Publication*

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

**20 points max.**

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*Musical Organization*

- Band (2 points)
- Choir (2 points)
- Orchestra (2 points)
- Drum Major/Majorette (2 points)
- Receiving Individual Music Instruction (2 points)

**30 points max.**

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*Debate Activities*

- Winner (2 points)
- Team Member (1 point)

**15 points max.**

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*Stage Production*

- Performer (2 points)
- Production Crew (1 point)

**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.


*Club Membership*

(Clubs authorized and sponsored by the high school.)

Officer

**20 points max.**

(2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester, with points earned for each.


**Section 1a Total \_\_\_\_\_**

**140 points max. 20 points max.**




**Section 3 Total** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach additional sheets if necessary.) 160 points max.

**Section 4 — Essay –** *"The COVID-19 Pandemic drastically changed every aspect of our lives, in every way imaginable. Reflecting on what you learned during this time about yourself, your community and the world, explain how your perspectives on success, empathy, prioritizing, social inequalities, and leadership have been reshaped."*

Each nominee will be responsible for preparing an essay on the above subject as 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