



January 20, 2007

**The National Exchange Club
Rocky Mountain District
Ace & Youth of the Year Club Chairpersons**

The information provided within this letter is intended to produce for your club a foundation and procedure for submitting to The Rocky Mountain District qualified candidates for awards of "District Youth of the Year" and "District A.C.E. Award Winner."

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Your club president should have received all information from National on the "Youth of the Month/Year" Award program for 2007. These project guides provide explanation and guidance on how to participate in this special community youth project, in addition to information on the National Youth of the Year Program.

This years Youth of the Year Essay topic is "Lighting the Fire Within."

Monday April 16th, 2007 is the final day Applications with Essays may be turned into the Rocky Mountain District. A District winner will be selected the week of May 7th and will be submitted to the National Exchange Club prior to June 1st 2007.

The District winner will be honored at the District Convention held in Estes Park, Colorado June 14th -17th with an award of \$750.00 as scholarship funds to assist with their further education. The National Youth of the Year winner will receive a scholarship of \$10,000 in two installments. The first of which will be presented at the 2007 Convention held July 18th - 21st in Portland, Oregon and the second at the time the winner registers for his or her second year of college.

A.C.E. AWARD

This is the eleventh year the Rocky Mountain District has presented the A.C.E. Award, and it is the seventh year this award is being presented by the National organization.

The “Accepting the Challenge of Excellence” award recognizes a student who has made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years, and as such is now eligible for High School Graduation.

Wednesday April 18th, 2007 is the deadline for applications and letters to be turned into the Rocky Mountain District. A District winner will be selected the week of May 7th, and will be honored at the District Convention June 14th-17th. A \$750.00 cash scholarship will be presented to the student who will be continuing their education.

The District winner will be submitted for the National Award prior to June 1st. National will award a \$10,000 scholarship in a manner similar to the Youth of the Year award at the convention in Portland, Oregon on July 18th or July 19th, 2007. The National Exchange Club will provide a convention package to the honoree and his or her two chaperons.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates in order to be eligible must be able to accept this award in person at the District Convention to be held June 14th -17th, in Estes Park, Colorado and at the Youth Recognition Luncheon in Portland, Oregon on the 18th or 19th of July.

Each Club will be allowed to submit only one candidate to the District. The district has the option to select two candidates for submission to National if they meet the qualifications and are of opposite sex.

If, as your club’s Youth Chairperson you have questions in regards to the submission of your candidate for District consideration or about the procedures of this award, you may call or reach me at the following numbers:

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Rocky Mountain District
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Riverton, Utah 84065**

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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 5 of his or her final 6 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 5 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 - Grade on basis of highest office held per group each semester.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication - Grade on basis of 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 _____

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					
Semesters					
10	10	11	11	12	Total

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.

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 _____

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.

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 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

Section 3 Total _____
160 points max.

(Please attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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. Award recognizes high school students who have made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance sometime during their high school years, and are now eligible for high school graduation. These “at risk” students have often overcome great physical, emotional or social obstacles, yet few receive recognition.

This is a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award 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 really do pay.

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 the 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 or substance abuse.
2. Ensure that the candidate will graduate from high school this year.
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, your club A.C.E. Award chairperson must prepare the description narrative (275 words max.) and have the candidate write their two brief (250 words max.) narratives.
6. The district may use the same judging procedure as National or determine their own selection process.
7. The district may select one or two (if opposite sex) candidates to submit to National by June 1st. Advise candidate that he or she may be contacted by a representative of The National Exchange Club to obtain additional information for publicity purposes.

See note under Section 3 for candidate eligibility at the national level.

Section 1 – Prepared by Sponsoring Club

Exchange Club of _____

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Narrative: (not to exceed 275 words) Describe problem and how it was overcome, include implications for the future.

In accordance with the established rules and regulations of The National Exchange Club, we certify that the above named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and will graduate this year.

_____ will graduate this year from _____ High School.

Signature of School Official

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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 that you are most proud of. (50 points max.)

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words) *Attach additional pages as necessary.

Describe in your own words your plans for the future to make your community and world a better place to live. (50 points max.)

Section 3 – Prepared by District for National Nominees Only

(Candidate's name) _____ has been selected by the District as its

candidate for the (year) _____ National A.C.E. Award.

Coordinating Responsibility

The following Exchangite from the sponsoring district will be responsible for the nominee's attendance at the National Convention in the event the entry is designated a winner.

District Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

Please attach a 5" x 7" black and white photo to be used for publicity purposes.

Note: Candidate must be able to accept the award in person at the scheduled event at the National Convention in order to win. Call National Headquarters for current year's dates & times, 800/XCHANGE, ext. 123, and verify with candidate **before submitting entry form to National.**

Any additional communication regarding this application will be directed to the Exchangite named above unless The National Exchange Club is otherwise instructed. In accordance with the program requirements, I confirm that all the information contained herein is accurate and conforms to the rules and regulations as established by The National Exchange Club.

Signature of Club President

Signature of District President



January 20, 2007

**The National Exchange Club
Rocky Mountain District
Ace & Youth of the Year Club Chairpersons**

Listed below are some hints and references to additional forms that may prove helpful as you approach the effort to find the best qualified candidates for the youth programs this year.

1. **The National Exchange Club Awards Book for 2006-2007 has the necessary instructions and application forms for ACE and Youth of the Year awards if you need additional forms. Refer to pages 59 through 64. Your club president should have this book.**
2. **You can also obtain the forms and additional information on the National Exchange Club Web site (nationalexchangeclub.com).**
3. **Attached is an abbreviated "Information Sheet" which some of the clubs use as a tool in their Youth of the Month selection process. Since the essay required for District and National submission isn't required for local club evaluation for Youth of the Month applicants, you may want to consider using this sheet in the selection process and only require the longer essay for the district/national applicant submission.**
4. **Some clubs also use the attached "Scoring Sheet" to track the applicants during the interview process. Sometimes the strengths and weaknesses of each applicant is forgotten after you get to the third, fourth or fifth interview. This sheet can help you record your impressions during the interview itself, or shortly thereafter.**
5. **Understand the scholarship awards available at the club, district and national level. Consider using this information to motivate applicants to get involved. Be sure to have a clear understanding of your club's budget as you start the process.**
6. **For the Youth of the Year Award be aware that your club president has to certify on the official application that the district/national applicant from your club was chosen from among six (6) Youth of the Month winners.**

- 7. Make sure you validate with your district/national applicant that they can schedule their time to attend the District Convention in June and the National Convention in July if they are chosen as the District winner.**
- 8. Be sure to alert early in the awards process that a 5" X 7" black and white glossy picture must be included with the application submitted to district/national. This issue has delayed submission in the past.**
- 9. Be courteous and send letters to both award winners and those who were interviewed but didn't win. Some sample letters for your consideration are attached.**
- 10. Refer to the submission deadlines for both awards. Give yourself plenty of time to schedule and hold the interviews, give the applicants time to complete forms and get the necessary reference letters, grade transcripts, etc.**

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above feel free to contact me.

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THE EXCHANGE CLUB



IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO CITIZENS OF COMMUNITIES, STATES AND THE NATION

YOUTH OF THE MONTH - PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

NAME OF PARENTS (OR GUARDIAN): _____

NAME OF SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: _____ YR. IN SCH.: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY:

NO. OF BROTHERS: _____ NO. OF SISTERS: _____

HOBBIES AND SPECIAL INTERESTS: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

BRIEF BACKGROUND HISTORY (WHERE BORN, PRIOR SCHOOLS ATTENDED, VOCATIONAL INTERESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES): _____

Please use opposite side of page or additional sheet(s) as needed. Attach Exhibits I through III and any others you may desire. Please attach at least two (2) letters of reference.

EXHIBIT I

1. School Activities

- A. Student Government
 - (1) President
 - (2) Other Office Holder
 - (3) Representative
- B. Class Government
 - (1) President
 - (2) Officer
 - (3) Representative
- C. School Publication
 - (1) Annual
 - a. Editor
 - b. Business Manager
 - c. Staff
 - (2) Newspaper
 - a. Editor
 - b. Business Manager
 - c. Advertising Manager
 - d. Staff
- D. Music Instruction
 - (1) Band
 - (2) Choir
 - (3) Orchestra
 - (4) Drum Major or Majorette
- E. Debate Activities
 - (1) Winner
 - (2) Debate Team Member
- F. Stage Production
 - (1) School Performance
 - (2) Member of Supporting Crew
- G. Club Activities (clubs authorized or sponsored by high school)
 - (1) Membership in club
 - (2) Office holder
- H. Athletics
 - (1) Team Captain or Co-captain
 - (2) Team member

2. Community Activities, Civic Youth Groups
Religious Service Organizations

- A. Membership
- B. Office holder

EXHIBIT II

Grades

Each nominee will submit a transcript of courses and grades.

EXHIBIT III

Special Achievements and/or Awards

Each nominee will list his or her most outstanding achievements and/or awards. Any number of honors may be listed, including those for athletics. However, all should be identified as to whether they are local, state, national, etc. From this list, the nominee must select that achievement he or she considers the most outstanding and describe why in a typewritten paragraph of not more than 200 words. Judging will be based on the number and caliber of the awards, as well as the nominee's reasoning for selecting the award he or she believes to be the most outstanding.

THE EXCHANGE CLUB

						Grades (Rank) 1 - 10
						School Activities 1 - 10
						Community Service 1 - 10
						Special Achievements 1 - 10
						Leadership 1 - 10
						Presence/Communication Skills/Confidence 1 - 10
						Other 1 - 10
						TOTAL

T·E·T·R·A
CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.

May 6, 2004

Ms. Taylor Fidel
5788 South Walden Ridge Drive
Murray, UT 84123

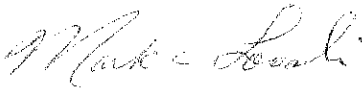
Dear Taylor:

I wanted to write and offer my congratulations to you on achieving a high placement in the Rocky Mountain District "Youth of the Year" competition. The five judges voiced their appreciation for the time spent preparing for the competition. They were very impressed with all of your achievements, and were particularly impressed with the essay you wrote. Taylor, we again commend you for the fine person you are and extend our congratulations to your parents for their involvement in helping you represent your family, school, church and community in such a wonderful manner.

Although you didn't win the competition, we hope you feel the experience and community exposure was well worth your time and effort. As a club, and particularly those of us who met, interviewed and interacted with you feel we are better people because of the experience.

Our club members have expressed a desire to follow your school and career endeavors. Please keep us posted as you continue life's adventures over the next few years.

Sincerely,



Mark C. Loosli
President
Exchange Club of Murray

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF



MURRAY

IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO CITIZENS OF COMMUNITIES, STATES AND THE NATION

April 27, 2006

Ms. Rachel E. Giddings
2587 East 6600 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

Dear Rachel:

Congratulations on being selected to represent the Exchange Club of Murray in our District "Youth of the Year" competition. We were very impressed with your essay and the message it conveyed. You have been a busy person during your high school years as shown by all the events and activities you've been involved with that were outlined in your District application.

At the District level you are competing with up to 18 other club winners to determine who will represent the District in the National competition. We have forwarded your application forms to the District Youth of the Year Director so the materials can be reviewed by the judges. We anticipate hearing who the District winner is sometime in mid-May.

If you happen to win the District competition you and your family will be invited to attend the annual District Convention to be held June 2nd and 3rd here in Murray. There will be a special breakfast on Saturday the 3rd at which time the winner will be introduced and he/she will read their essay. The \$750.00 award from the District will also be given out. Our hope is that you will be recognized as the winner. Keep your fingers crossed.

We are currently working on putting together an awards ceremony in your honor for winning the Youth of the Year designation from Cottonwood High School. Your \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded at that time.

Again, congratulations and we will be in contact with you to set up an awards ceremony soon.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Loosli
Youth of the Year Committee Member
Exchange Club of Murray