
CALIFORNIA HAWAII
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DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS

A. C. E. Award

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence
Nomination Form
2008

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ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF EXCELLENCE (A.C.E.) AWARD

WHAT IS IT?

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 now will graduate from high school. These “at risk” students have often overcome great physical, emotional or social obstacles, yet few receive recognition.

WHY YOUR CLUB SHOULD PARTICIPATE

This is a positive program with two essential 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 does pay.

HOW TO DO IT?

Your club should select a chairperson. The chairperson and/or a member of the committee should make contact with a high school or continuation school in your area and request that the school nominate a candidate(s) who have made a turn-around in his/her life during their high school years.

The committee should learn about the youth so that a narrative describing his/her problem and how it was over come and the *narrative* outlook for the future can be written and submitted. ***The narrative can be prepared by either the Club Chairperson or by a School Official.***

Your club candidate will need to write two narratives. The first one is describing the event or events the candidate(s) is most proud of during his/her life. The second one is on how he/she will work to make the future a better place to live.

Remember that the candidate must be certified that he/she will graduate from high school this year. A two-year track record of turn-around is expected.

Submit your nominations to:

District Chairperson - Zita Roehrig (for Victoria Stokes)
Address - 3136 Ostrom Ave
Long Beach, CA 90808-4229

R-562-429-4251, B-562-804-1491,
FAX-562-804-1492,
e-mail - zroehrig@yahoo.com

DISTRICT COMPETITION

The submission deadline for the CA-HI-NV District A.C.E. Award is April 1, 2008. Each Club can submit one girl and one boy candidate from each school in their community. The District winners (see item 7 below) will be presented the A.C.E. Award and a \$2,500.00 United States Savings Bond scholarship or a \$1,250 cash scholarship. Both students will be honored by attending the annual convention of the California-Hawaii-Nevada District Exchange Clubs. Transportation expenses to the convention and return at \$.20 per mile (round-trip), one night (one room) hotel accommodations (room & tax cost only), three (3) tickets for the Saturday evening district sponsored dinner, and three tickets for the A.C.E. Award presentations will be the financial responsibility of the District at no expense to the local sponsoring club.

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER COMPETITION

1. Contact your local high school for potential candidates (a girl and boy from each school) for the award. A partial list of difficulties to overcome could include physical, child abuse, delinquency, or substance abuse.
2. Ensure that the candidates will be eligible to graduate from high school this year.
3. Obtain school official and parent/guardian signatures.
4. Recognize the selected individuals at an appropriate club meeting.
5. If you plan to enter your candidates in the district competition, your clubs A.C.E. Award ***Chairperson or a School Official*** must prepare the description narrative (275 words max.) and have the candidate write their two brief (250 words max.) narratives.
6. The district will select one male and one female candidate to submit to National.
7. These candidates will be honored and recognized at the District Convention. **It is Mandatory that the winners attend the District Convention. If a student is selected and cannot attend the Convention the first runner-up will become the winner.** *All Convention arrangements for the winners and their chaperones will be the responsibility of the District A.C.E. Award Chairperson and the District Convention Coordinator.*
8. If your candidate is selected as the CA-HI-NV District A.C.E. Award winner, please submit three (3) 5" X 7" black and white photos to be used for publicity purposes.

JUDGING BY DISTRICT

The narratives will be judged by 5 judges at the District Level.

The judges will give up to 250 points on the Club Chairperson's narrative.

The candidate's narratives will each score 50 points. The candidates narratives and the community service & organization points will be used only if the scoring between top candidates is a 2% difference or less or to break a tie.

CERTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

SECTION 1: *Prepared by Sponsoring Club*

Exchange Club of _____

Candidate's name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of High School _____

Club Chairperson's Name _____

Chairperson's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Business Phone Number _____

Narrative: (not to exceed 275 words). Describe problem and how it was overcome, include implications for the future. ***This narrative can be written by either the Club Chairperson or a School Official.***

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.

(Candidate's name) _____ will graduate this year from
_____ High School.

Signature of School Official

Signature of Parent/Guardian

COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY

The following Exchangite from the sponsoring club will be responsible for the candidate's attendance at the District Convention in the event this candidate is designated the CA-HI-NV District A.C.E. Award winner.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

SECTION 2 — Prepared by Candidate

Narrative A (not to exceed 250 words) Describe in your own words the event or events in your life of which you are most proud.

Total 50 points

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words) Describe in your own words your plans for the future to make your community and world a better place to live.

Total 50 points

List community service and/or religious organizations that meet or participate in service to the community at least once a month and any office held. Award 1 point for member, 2 points for officer, and 3 points for president/chairperson of organization. (Maximum 20 pts)

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List volunteer service hours (hospital, nursing home, Salvation Army, unpaid tutoring, etc.). Award 1 point for every 5 hours, 10 points per semester, senior year only. (Maximum 20 points)

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