

YOUTH LEGACY AWARD *2019-2020 Exchange's Newest Youth Award*

The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children or grandchildren of veteran and first responder Exchange Club members. Candidates also display exceptional community involvement and leadership skills. This program rewards outstanding young people and provides incentive for others to serve their country and communities. Legacy of the Year Award candidates will submit applications directly to Exchange's National Headquarters. If an Exchange Club or District chooses to implement this program, they may do so and coordinate this award similar to the popular Youth of the Year and A.C.E. of the Year Scholarship programs.

PURPOSE: The Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students whose Exchange Club member parents/grandparents are first responders or veterans.

This is a positive program with two key objectives: it helps encourage students to continue with community involvement and leadership; and, it recognizes students who have knowledge and experience regarding the sacrifices made for community and country. This special recognition serves as a powerful awareness to all students that it is an honorable action to serve our communities and country, thus making our communities better places to live. The submission deadline for the national Legacy of the Year Award is June 1. The winner will be presented the Legacy of the Year Award and a \$15,000 scholarship at Exchange's annual National Convention. Travel accommodations will be provided to the winner and the parents/guardians.

CANDIDATE SUBMISSIONS:

1. Contact Exchange Club members who are first responders and veterans, to make them aware of this award. Exchange Clubs may also choose to position this award as an incentive for joining.
2. Ensure the candidate will graduate from high school this year, OR complete GED classes by the age of 19 and by the time of submission of application to National Headquarters (June 1).
3. Obtain school official and parent/guardian signatures.
4. Submit the candidate's essays before the deadline.
5. Submit essay about the candidate before the deadline. The essay may be submitted by parent, grandparent, or school official.
6. Advise candidate that they may be contacted by a representative of The National Exchange Club to obtain additional information for publicity purposes.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by June 1. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

SECTION 1 – PREPARED BY SPONSORING CLUB OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Exchange Club of _____ Candidate's name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Phone _____ Date of birth _____

Email _____

Exchange Club active member parent/grandparent _____

In good standing with Exchange Club of _____

Veteran title and military status _____

OR First responder title and organization _____

We certify that the above named student will graduate this year from _____ High School.

Signature of school official

Signature of parent/guardian

Signature of Exchange Club president

SECTION 2 – PREPARED BY CANDIDATE

Narrative A; not to exceed 500 words (submitted by candidate):

Describe, in your own words, the event (or events) in your life of which you are most proud. Also describe your future plans for making your community, and the world, a better place to live. Include a paragraph about your veteran or first responder parent/grandparent, and your perspective of what they have done.

Narrative B; not to exceed 500 words (submitted by parent, grandparent, or school official):

Describe why you feel the candidate should earn the Legacy of the Year Award; include implications for the future.

To qualify for consideration, the candidate must be able to accept the award in person, along with their Exchange Club Legacy member at Exchange's National Convention.

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

Name of candidate, (please print): _____

Signature of candidate_____

Along with the entry form, a photo (head & shoulders) of the nominee is required. If a digital photo is submitted, please ensure it is high resolution (150 dpi or higher). Photos submitted to The National Exchange Club will not be returned.