



Legacy of the Year Award

The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of 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 who are children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Exchange Club members.

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 with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren 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 approval/validation.
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, great grandparent, or school official.
6. Advise candidate they may be contacted by a representative of The National Exchange Club to obtain additional information for publicity purposes.

Applications must be submitted by June 1. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Scholarship monies must be used within three years from the time of receiving the award; at which time money will be forfeited.

Section 1 – Prepared by Sponsoring Club or Guidance Counselor

Exchange Club of _____

Candidate's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Exchange Club member parent/grandparent/great grandparent _____

Parent's/grandparent's/great grandparent's Exchange Club _____

Year candidate will graduate _____

Name of school official verifying information _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Exchange Club President _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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 parent/grandparent/great grandparent and your perspective of what they have done.

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

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

Scholarship winners must be able to accept the award in person, during the scheduled event, at Exchange's National Convention. To verify that date/time prior to submitting this application, contact National Headquarters at 419.535.3232. The final scholarship winner will be required to submit a high-resolution (150 dpi minimum) digital photo. Photos submitted to The National Exchange Club will not be returned. Any additional communication regarding this application will be directed to the Exchange Club member named on the application, unless The National Exchange Club is otherwise instructed. In accordance with the program requirements, submission confirms the nominations and all the information contained herein is accurate and conforms to the rules and regulations as established by The National Exchange Club.