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THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF GREATER LANSING, MI

Youth A. C. E. Award – Call for Nominations

Award Celebration April 20, 2022

Overview:

A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award recognizes high school students who have overcome physical, emotional, or social obstacles or adversities and are eligible for high school graduation.

- The winner of the Exchange Club of Greater Lansing A.C.E. Award will receive $500 for continuing education along with a commemorative plaque to be presented during the Exchange Club of Greater Lansing annual "Awards Celebration."
- Our Lansing club will also submit their top A.C.E. Award winner to the Michigan District Exchange Competition. The District winner will receive an additional $1000 scholarship. The District winner will then have an opportunity to compete for the National Exchange A.C.E. Award and a $15,000 scholarship.

Confidentiality Process:

The Exchange Club of Greater Lansing respects the students' need for privacy. The team that reviews the nominations and selects the recipient of the A.C.E. Award needs sufficient personal information about each nominee's circumstances in order to make an informed decision. So we have initiated these privacy procedures.

1. The team reviewing the forms will be limited to no more than five people.
2. The review team has agreed to a non-disclosure regulation not to disclose any personal information regarding the nominees except for the name of the A.C.E. winner and the information that the student would like to be made public at the award ceremony. Such information could be general in nature; not necessarily the specific details that made the nominee a worthy recipient of the award. The team will comply with all requirements of the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
3. All nomination forms and internal work documents will be shredded after the decision is made.

Criteria:

The award recognizes youth often overlooked for their accomplishments and who serve as an inspiration to others as evidenced by:

- Scheduled to graduate from high school this year.
- Excelled at maintaining energy and focus on graduation despite ***great physical, emotional, or social obstacles.***
- Engaged with continuing education following graduation.

Nomination Instructions:

- Complete the attached form with required detail and requested requirements.
- Email the completed form and all attachments to stanleychase@kminfo.org. If mailed it must **ARRIVE by April 1, 2022.**
- Submission Deadline is: **April 1, 2022**

About The "Exchange Club of Greater Lansing":

The mission of the Exchange Club of Greater Lansing is to support the community through volunteerism, youth development, and activities focused on the prevention of child abuse. Members gather each Monday for a lunch meeting at the Safety Council in South Lansing.

The Lansing Club is part of the National Exchange Club, which is comprised of approximately 800 clubs and more than 25,000 members throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico. The Exchange Club is the country's oldest service organization, founded in 1911 by a group of business people in Detroit who wanted to exchange ideas on how to promote and improve community service.

Contact:

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Contacts for questions:

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SECTION 1 – PREPARED BY SPONSORING CLUB OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Exchange Club of_____

Candidate's name _____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone_____ Date of birth_____

Narrative: (not to exceed 500 words) Describe the problem and how it/they was/were overcome, include implications for the future.

We certify that the above named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and 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 250 words) *Attach additional pages as necessary.
Describe, in your own words, the event (or events) in your life of which you are most proud. *(50 points max.)*

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words) *Attach additional pages as necessary.
Describe, in your own words, your future plans for making your community, and the world, a better place to live.
(50 points max.)

SECTION 3 – PREPARED BY DISTRICT FOR NATIONAL NOMINEES ONLY

The above student has been selected by the _____ District as its candidate for the (year) _____ National A.C.E. Award.

Coordinating Responsibility
The following Exchange Club member from the sponsoring district, will be responsible for the nominee's attendance at Exchange's National Convention if the entry is designated a winner.

District contact _____

Address_____

City _____ State_____ Zip code_____

Phone _____

Note: To win, the candidate must be able to accept the award in person, at the scheduled event, at Exchange's National Convention. Call National Headquarters for current year's date/time at 419.535.3232, and verify with the candidate *before submitting the entry form to National Headquarters.*

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.

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Signature of district president

***Please attach a 5" x 7" photo to be used for publicity purposes. Photos submitted to The National Exchange Club will not be returned.**