

Epsilon Sigma Alpha
INTERNATIONAL®
**OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH
AWARD GUIDELINES**

Suggested Topics for Essay:

- "What I Have to Offer as a Leader of Our Country"
- "The Future - Where Do I Fit In?"
- "I See The Future As _____"
- "Our Youth - Our Future"
- Any other topic relative to those listed

Requirements for Entry:

1. Student must be enrolled in grades 7th through 9th and passing all subjects.
2. Student shall write an essay without notes. Essay must be written in the presence of and signed by a teacher or school official and signed by an ESA member.
3. After local judging, the essay may be typewritten with necessary spelling and grammatical changes noted. The original handwritten essay should be attached to the typewritten essay.
4. Student must sign his or her completed essay.
5. Essay word limit is 500 words.
6. The student shall submit letters of recommendation from three (3) citizens of the community who are not related to the student (Example: Minister, Teacher, Scout Leader, etc.)

Judging Will Be Based on the Following:

1. Quality of essay
2. Leadership qualities
3. Community involvement and service
4. Accomplishments which make the student an Outstanding Youth

Entry Shall Consist Of:

1. Original essay signed by a school official, an ESA member, and the applicant
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation
3. Completed forms from parents and teachers
4. Completed form from ESA Chapter President or Awards Chair, State President or Youth Award(s) Chair, if state entry.
5. Photo of Student.

The International Council Outstanding Junior High Youth Award Winner shall receive a \$500 Savings Bond.

Mail directly to: **International Council Youth Award Chair**
Name and address on cover letter