



Outstanding Senior High Youth Award

Please find enclosed four (4) pages of information and forms regarding the Outstanding Senior High Youth Award. This award is presented to the student who is chosen by a panel of judges. The award is intended to honor and recognize an outstanding Senior High Student who is judged on Scholastic Ability, Character, and Leadership Skills—in general a well-rounded student.

All Senior High School students are eligible to apply. Those students who live in a state that does not have an ESA Youth Award Chairman may participate. Those states having a Chairman must have their State winner selected by March 1st and the forms forwarded to the IC Chair. It is our hope that all ESA members will recognize an outstanding student, and we encourage their participation in this award.

The winner on the International level will receive \$1,000.00 which may be applied toward tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies, and equipment, or any other college fees or academic expenses. A plaque is also presented.

The forms and information must be postmarked no later than March 1st and submitted to the IC Youth Award Chair. The winner of the award will be notified by May 15th. Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form, and postmarked later than March 1st, will be disqualified.

Mail directly to IC Youth Award Chairman



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Dear Applicant:

If you are a winner of the IC Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Contest, you will be notified by May 15.

This completed application and all required enclosures must be sent to the IC Youth Awards Chair **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST**. Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form will be disqualified.

Read the instructions carefully.

Mail directly to **International Council Youth Award Chair** (Address on cover letter).
Please return this cover sheet with your application for convenience in processing.

I certify that all facts in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

(For Office Use Only)

Meets criteria of the designated scholarship

Meets one of the following:

_____ 3.0 GPS minimum on a 4.0 Grade Scale **OR**

_____ At least a score of ACT 22 / SAT 1030 (Verbal and Math)

_____ Three (3) letters of recommendation

_____ Application signed by the applicant

_____ An official transcript

_____ Student's essay

_____ Met the March 1st deadline

_____ Picture

Date Received: _____



OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

Criteria for Selection:

A. Character

B. Leadership Skills

C. Scholastic Ability

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Female _____ Male _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

High School GPA: _____ Composite ACT Score 22: _____

Combined SAT Score of 1030 (Verbal and Math): _____

All applications must be submitted in English and all transcripts must be certified.

ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. THE SECTION BELOW IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND/OR ESA CHAPTER SPONSORING THIS APPLICATION.

I / We do hereby submit the name of _____ as our entry in competition for the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Outstanding Senior High Youth Award.

Individual Name or ESA Chapter Name and #: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Numbers: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address: _____

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

The name of this award shall be known as the *Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Outstanding Senior High Youth Award*.

The International Council of ESA International shall select the Outstanding Senior High Youth based upon the following criteria:

Scholastic Ability:

- A. The applicant shall be a senior high student who meets one of the three academic qualifications:
 - Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 Grade Scale **OR**
 - Have a minimum ACT score of 22 or SAT score of 1030 (Verbal and Math)
- B. The applicant shall provide a copy of the most recent and “certified” transcript to verify grades and/or test scores.

Character and Leadership Skills:

- A. The applicant shall provide the judging committee with three (3) letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation shall be from a teacher or school official. Recommendations shall not be submitted from members of the applicant’s family. Recommendations should be originals of recent (current) year.
- B. The applicant shall provide a personal essay. The essay topic shall be “***What is the definition of an outstanding individual and how do I personally meet this definition?***” There is no specified length requirement; however, typewritten essays are preferred. The essay must be an original, which is signed and dated by the applicant.

Rules and Regulations

1. The winner of the Outstanding Senior High Youth Award will be chosen annually. A person may receive this award only **one** time. Applicants may apply for this award as many times as they wish as long as they meet the criteria. No special consideration will be given to an applicant who makes a second or third entry for this award.
2. The deadline for submitting applications will be **March 1st**. Applications must be sent to the International Council Youth Award Chair by the specified date. **All necessary information must be included with the application form at that time.**
3. The applicant must apply for this award to his/her individual State ESA Youth Award Chair. (If State has no State Chair, apply directly to the IC Youth Award Chair.) The application with all attachments, if approved, will be forwarded to the International Council Youth Award Chair and committee for approval and judging.
4. A letter will be sent to the winner (only) after judging has been completed and no later than May 15th.
5. Enclose a **photo of student**.



The Outstanding Senior High Youth Award winner will receive:

1. The winner of the ESA International Outstanding Senior High Youth Award shall receive the ESA Foundation Outstanding Youth Award Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 provided:
 - The IC Board representative notifies the ESA Foundation by May 1st.
 - There are adequate funds to give the grant in the fund account by April 1st.
 - The winner meets the criteria established for the Outstanding Youth Award.
 - The award, in the amount of \$1,000.00, may be applied toward tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies and equipment, dormitory fees, or any other college fees or academic expenses.
 - The award shall be made payable to the recipient and the institution of higher learning of his/her choice. If the college or university of choice is changed, the Scholarship Director of the ESA Foundation should be notified immediately. The check should be returned and another check issued by the ESA Foundation to the correct college or university.
 - It is understood that the grant award will be held in escrow should the recipient not be a high school graduate or ready to continue his/her education. The ESA Foundation shall provide a certificate for the recipient, which will be redeemable for the designated grant at the time a college is selected.
2. The Outstanding Youth will receive a certificate and plaque from the International Council.
3. The International Council Outstanding Senior High Youth Award winner will be contacted as to the type of presentation that will be held at IC Convention, which will be determined by the IC President.