Outstanding Junior High Youth Award

Please find enclosed three (3) pages of information and forms regarding the Outstanding Junior 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 Junior High Student who is judged on Leadership qualities, Community involvement, Service, and accomplishments that make the student an Outstanding Youth.

All Junior or Middle High School students, grades 7th to 9th 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 International Council Awards Chair. It is hoped that all ESA members will recognize an outstanding student and encourage their participation in this award.

The winner on the International level will receive a $500.00 cash award.

The forms and information must be postmarked no later than March 1st and submitted to the International Council Awards 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 (or for questions)

Current
International Council Awards Chair
Outstanding Junior High Youth Award Application

AWARDGUIDELINES

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 500words.
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 that 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, or State President or Youth Award(s) Chair, if State entry

The International Council Outstanding Junior High Youth Award Winner shall receive a $500.00 cash award.

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

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Outstanding Junior High Youth Award Application

Name of Applicant:  
Mailing Address:  

City: County: State:  
Zip:  
Age: Sex: Female    Male Home Telephone:(  

Name of Parent or Guardian:  
Address:  

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER*

I do hereby certify that , a student at , did write his/her essay under the required supervision. is currently passing all subjects and is eligible to be entered into competition for the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Outstanding Junior High Youth Award.

Signed:  
Date:  

THE SECTION BELOW IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND/OR ESA CHAPTER SPONSORING THEIR APPLICATION*

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

Individual Name or ESA Chapter Name and #:  

Signed:  
Date:  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
ZipCode:  
Contact Numbers:  
(Evening)

E-Mail Address:  

DEADLINE:  March 1

*May be completed and signed by State President or State Youth Award(s) Chair if nominee is state entry.
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PERMISSION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN*

Name of Student: ____________________________________________
Name of School: _____________________________________________
Grade Currently Enrolled In: _________________________________

Because we feel the involvement of parents is very important in the selection of our Outstanding Junior High Youth, we invite you to share with us an insight into the life of your student. We feel the student’s life outside of school activities is a vital part of their well-being, and we ask you to share your expertise on the follow subjects:

1. **LEADERSHIP**: How well does your son/daughter accept responsibility and what leadership qualities does he/she display?

2. **COMMUNITY SERVICE**: Share with us some of the projects your son/daughter is involved within your community. (Example: scouting, aid to the handicapped, community drives, etc.)

3. **PERSONALITY**: Is your son/daughter courteous and well-mannered? How do his/her peers accept him/her? Is your son/daughter respectful of others? What qualities make your son/daughter so special?

4. **ACADEMIC / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**: Does your son/daughter have a job? (Example: newspaper route, babysitting, candy striping, etc.) Please list all academic and extracurricular activities your child participates in. (Example: clubs, sports, student council/student government, etc.)

5. **AWARDS AND HONORS**: Please list all awards and honors received by your son/daughter.

6. **FAMILY AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES**: Please tell about your son’s/daughter’s involvement with church youth activities and his/her life at home. (Example: helping with chores, siblings, etc.)

7. **PHOTOGRAPH**: Please attach a recent photograph of your son/daughter.

We, the parents of __________________________________________, do hereby give our permission for our son/daughter to be entered in the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Outstanding Junior High Youth Award competition. We do further certify that all facts in this application are true to the best of our knowledge.

________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________________________
________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________________________
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 Youth Award 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 grant which may be applied toward tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies, and equipment, or any other college fees or academic expenses.

The forms and information must be postmarked no later than March 1st and submitted to the IC Awards 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 (or for questions)

Current International Council Awards Chair

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Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Application

NAME: __________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________

Dear Applicant:

If you are a winner of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (IC) Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Contest, you will be notified by May 15th.

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 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:
8. 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.

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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
THEIR APPLICATION.

I / We do hereby submit the name of _____________________________ as our entry in
competition for the Epsilon Sigma Alpha 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 1st

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

The International Council (IC) of ESA 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:**

7. 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.

8. 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**

5. The winner of the Outstanding Senior High Youth Award will be chosen annually. A person may receive this award only **one** time. A person 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.

6. The deadline for submitting applications will be **March 1st** and 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.**

7. The applicant must apply for this award to his/her individual State ESA Youth Award Chair. (If no State Chair directly to the IC Awards Chair.) The application with all attachments, if approved, will be forwarded to the International Council Awards Chair and committee for approval and judging.

8. A letter will be sent to the winner (only) after judging has been completed and no later than **May 15th**.

9. Enclose a **photo of student.**

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The Outstanding Senior High Youth Award winner will receive:

5. The winner of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Outstanding Senior High Youth Award shall receive the ESA Foundation Outstanding Youth Award Grant in the amount of $1,000.00 provided:
   • The International Council (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 grant, 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 the winner’s 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.

6. The Outstanding Youth will receive a certificate from the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

7. The International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha 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.

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