



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 & Math)
- B. The applicant shall provide a copy of the most recent and "certified" transcript to verify grades and/or test scores.

Character, Leadership and 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

These forms must be submitted to the State Chairman first. The deadline for submitting applications will be February 1 to the State Senior High and the Youth Award Chairman.

1. 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 that makes a second or third entry for this award.
2. The deadline for submitting applications will **March 1st** and must be sent to the International Council Youth Award Chair by that 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 for approval. 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** provided:
 - The IC Board representative notifies the ESA Foundation by May 1st.
 - There are adequate funds to give the grant in the account by April 1st.
 - The winner meets the criteria established for the Outstanding Youth Award.

- The award, in the amount of **\$1,000** 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 their 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 their 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 invited to provide a videotape of his/her essay presentation or personal interview to be shown at the annual convention in July unless it is cost prohibitive for the International Council to do so.