EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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)

International Council Awards Chair
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OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

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 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 cash award.

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

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

Age: __ Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male Contact Numbers: (Day) _____ (Evening)

_____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail 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 & #:

_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Numbers: (Day) _____ (Evening)

_____

E-Mail Address: _____

Deadline: March 1st

***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 following 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 striper, 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 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: _____