



## A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award Submission Packet

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT**

**Purpose:** The A.C.E (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award recognizes high school students who

have had to overcome great physical, emotional or social obstacles and are now eligible for high school graduation. This is a positive program with two key objectives: it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma; and it recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance are rewarded. A partial list of difficulties to overcome could include physical, language, child abuse, delinquency, and/or substance abuse.

Ensure candidate will graduate from high school this year, OR complete GED classes by the age of 19, by June 1 of this year.

Completed application (attached), along with the 3 narratives described in the application should be emailed to:

Linda Carlson, Northern CA District Education Chair

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707-479-3340

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2025**

Note: A.C.E Award winner receives a \$1,000 cash award and will be honored at the District Convention dinner banquet held on June 14, 2025. Award recipient may bring 2 guests. The Northern CA District A.C.E Award winner is automatically submitted for a chance to win a National Exchange Club scholarship in the amount of \$15,000 to be presented at the National Convention. Travel accommodations will be provided to the National winner and his/her parents or guardians.

## SECTION 1 – PREPARED BY SPONSORING CLUB OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Exchange Club of \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

*Narrative:* (not to exceed 500 words) Describe the problem and how it/they was/were overcome, include implications for the future.

We certify that the above named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and will graduate this year \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ High School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of school official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Exchange Club president

## SECTION 2 – PREPARED BY CANDIDATE

*Narrative A* (not to exceed 250 words) \*Attach additional pages as necessary.

Describe, in your own words, the event (or events) in your life of which you are most proud. (50 points max.)

*Narrative B* (not to exceed 250 words) \*Attach additional pages as necessary.

Describe, in your own words, your future plans for making your community, and the world, a better place to live. (50 points max.)