**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. 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 February 1st and submitted to the Kentucky State Council Awards Chair for Kentucky judging. The winner will automatically be sent to the International Council Youth Award Chair for submission.

If you would also like to apply to the International Council, forms and information must be postmarked no later than March 1st and submitted to the IC Awards Chair. The winner of the IC Award will be notified by May 15th

Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form, and postmarked by the specific due dates, will be disqualified.

**Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Application**

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Dear Applicant:

This completed application and all required enclosures must be sent to the Kentucky Awards Chair **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST**.

IC Youth Awards Chair **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST.** 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.

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Read the instructions carefully.

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

## Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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 deadline

 Picture

Date Received:

**Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Application**

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:***

1. 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)
1. The applicant shall provide a copy of the most recent and “certified” transcript to verify grades and/or test scores.

***Character and Leadership Skills:***

1. 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.
2. 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**

* 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.
* The deadline for submitting applications will be **February 1st** to the Kentucky Awards Chair and **March 1st** to the International Council Youth Award Chair. **All necessary information must be included with the application form at that time.**
* 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.
* A letter will be sent to the IC winner (only) after judging has been completed no later than May 15th.
* Enclose a **photo of student.**

**The Outstanding Senior High Youth Award winner will receive:**

1. The winner of the Kentucky State Senior High Youth Award shall receive $100.
2. The winner of the IC 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 expensed.
	* 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.
3. The Outstanding Youth will receive a certificate from the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.
4. 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.