

# ESA IC News



Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council Newsletter

## **Kim Kummer, ESA International Council President 2018-2019**



Happy New Year!

As the clock struck midnight did you make a list of resolutions for the coming year? I believe the top resolutions every year are to lose weight and exercise more. Those are both habits I know I need to work on every day. When Sherry Day was IC President, the candidates shared their big dream at the Welcome Party. My “Dream” was to lose weight and control my emotional eating. I publically put it out there to 300 of my closest friends. I did it! I lost 35 pounds and maintained it for a year+ because I executed on my dream but then....I quit eating less and let the emotional eating take over. I haven’t decided on my personal resolutions for 2019 yet but I know if I write it down so that I can visualize then I am more likely to turn resolution into execution.

What will your resolutions look like for ESA in 2019?

- Plan a TACO ‘bout ESA party
- Pledge a new member(s)
- Charter a new chapter
- Nominate a Jr. & Sr. High Youth on the state level

- Encourage chapter members to come to Memphis for IC Convention
- Take on more responsibility in your chapter, state, or IC level
- Promote a “Kid Causes” activity in your chapter

How will you execute these into action? Begin by making a list of projects, prioritize based on time-frame, involve others, determine what needs to happen to execute the plan and as we say at the Kummer house, “one bite at time” is how you get started.

The Gift of a new beginning, a resolution to change or do something, is what the new year is all about. 525,600 minutes sounds like plenty of time, however, it seems to go quicker and quicker each year. Be grateful for all the gifts you have received make resolutions to share those gifts with people around you and together we can do remarkable things in ESA!

xoxo – Kim

## **Announcement: ‘Kid Causes’ Chair Anita Hilburn**

One of the great elements about ESA is the variety of service projects. Kim’s focus this year is “Kid Causes” something ESA does well. There are already several programs in place members can chose to participate or add their own chapter spin or create a project specific to their community. Kim wants to know what is happening in your states and chapters for Kid Causes this year. Anita Hilburn, Louisiana, is serving as the Kid Causes Chair. Please share with Anita a short synopsis about your project and please include a photo or two. Send your information to: [anita.hilburn@gmail.com](mailto:anita.hilburn@gmail.com). A Kid Causes form is attached to this newsletter.

## 1st Vice President



Is your state's 1st Vice President in charge of nominations for office in your state? If the 1st VP has this responsibility, do you recognize how difficult that responsibility might be? Encouraging folks to run for an office is oftentimes extremely daunting. Should I provide you with a list of reasons why this year (or any year) just won't work? And then, of course, there are those who've already held a particular office and they believe that now it's someone else's turn. Having been Minnesota State President two times, I'll tell you the second time around was pretty doggone easy-peasy, i.e., I sure wasn't that scaredy-cat that I was the first time. And, I do believe it was easier the second time to come up with different ideas. How do you know unless you give it a try? Failure, to

me, is never trying. In fact, there is no such thing as failure; it's simply an opportunity. There's always a lesson that can be learned. You know, you might think that you're afraid because folks might criticize you., But, no one really, truly wants to see someone fail; they're looking for your success! Do you have some new members in your state? Well, don't "push" them into an office they are unprepared to handle. So, how about assigning a mentor to assist with the responsibilities for the potential office as well as all the "unwritten" rules that go along with it. Now, come on, you all know what I mean.

Are you a resolution maker? If you are, how about offering to step up either to an appointed office or volunteer to become a nominee for an elected office? There just has to be someone in your state that you absolutely know is the one you can always rely on to be a positive cheerleader. So, why not request that person to assist in encouraging someone new to share their gifts with your state membership? Our leader, Kim, says "ESA is a Gift" and "we all have gifts to share"; I believe her!!

Developing leaders, fostering friendships and doing good works is what ESA is all about! Let's finish this ESA year proving to Kim and everyone in our state that we're willing to share those gifts. I'm a huge believer in all the good ESA does and I'll be your cheerleader if you need one. I'm an email or phone call away if you want my assistance.

Hope your New Year is starting out exactly as you had hoped! Cheers!

Terri

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## 2nd Vice President



Happy New Year!

My wish for each of you is that 2019 is the best year yet! As we begin this new year, remember that you are moving forward...we can't change the past, but we can move into 2019 with a positive attitude!

One New Year's Resolution...give the Gift of ESA!  
returned 😊



I am SURE it will not be

The 2019 IC Convention is fast approaching. I know that 6 months seems like a long time from now, but we all know how fast time flies! Start the New Year out right by beginning to make your plans to attend as we celebrate ESA...90 years... in Memphis. Tennessee, July 17-21, 2019! So many great things are being planned, tours of the hospital, great speakers, food, fun and friends; seeing old friends and making new friends! All the forms you need are on the website...send in that registration form, sign up for Trivia, look at the tour schedules. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email, [lwrap2@comcast.net](mailto:lwrap2@comcast.net) or call me at (810) 772-9551. I am here to help! I hope you like the logo!

Hugs, LeAnn

LeAnn Wray

2018-2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

## Workshop Coordinator



Happy New Year ESA Family!

I hope your holidays were fabulous and you are making your 2019 plans for a bigger and even brighter future! It's always a challenge to come up with just the right New Year Resolution, and usually a bigger challenge trying to keep it...

We've been working hard to find just the right speakers and workshops for IC Convention in Memphis. We'll be celebrating

90 years of ESA and we want you to enjoy every moment. Starting out the week with "The Flavors of Memphis" are a series of workshops on Wednesday and Thursday that will include food, history, and music. Pictured in this article are two of our local presenters.



Willy Beardon will engage us in a conversation that runs the gamut of Memphis history, legends and myth. Lots of great images and amusing stories. Willy Bearden is a Memphis-based filmmaker, photographer, author and producer. His museum projects include The Blues Hall of Fame, The Cotton Museum at the Memphis Cotton Exchange, and the Memphis Wonders Series. He has produced several outstanding documentaries, written three books on local history and received several awards.



Tim Sampson is the Communications Director for the Soulsville Foundation, the nonprofit parent company that operates the Staxx Museum of American Soul Music, Staxx Music Academy, and The Soulsville Charter School in Memphis. He has been a freelance journalist for 25 years and has won several journalistic awards. He will be sharing the history of "soul" in Memphis and what the Soulsville Foundation is doing to encourage local youth to keep the Memphis music "flavor" alive for future generations to enjoy. Many of their Alumni can be found playing at B. B. King's on Beale St.

In the next few months there will be lots more information to come! More



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educational workshops are planned for Saturday and you won't want to miss this hands on philanthropic, fun and creative series. Along with an outstanding keynote speaker you won't want to miss the workshops planned by Easter Seals, Hope for Heroes, Membership and St. Jude.

As always feel free to contact me for any assistance or questions within your state.

***Brenda Meyers***

2018-2019 IC Workshop Coordinator

## Membership- ESA Headquarters



### Of the Month- Dixie Daly, Sigma Rho/Loveland CO



Dixie Daly has sponsored four new members into the Sigma Rho chapter since September, in addition to the 4 new members she sponsored last year. When asked about her remarkable success in sharing the gift of ESA, she is quick to say, "It's all about the ASK! I am always on the lookout for people who I think are like us --like Sigma Rho members, I mean. I keep an eye out for people who I see give of their time to something in our community already because that helps me know they'll like what we do in ESA. And I look for people who are HAPPY, because we are a happy group and really value that in one another."

Dixie works for the Chamber of Commerce in Loveland and attends Chamber and other civic events regularly. "Sometimes, I think the tendency in ESA is to shy away from inviting someone to join ESA who already volunteers elsewhere because we figure their time is spoken for. But I've found the opposite to be true. People who like to give are often receptive to new ways to do that because they enjoy it so much. So when it comes up in conversation with someone that they are helping a project or cause, I perk

right up.”

So what makes a successful “Ask”? Dixie explains, “I say to someone, ‘That’s great you help that cause. I like to volunteer too, and I belong to an awesome organization that I think you’d really like too, because I notice you’re a lot like me in that way. And you’re fun, which is a requirement in our group!’ Then I tell them about ESA, what we are doing in Sigma Rho, and invite them to check us out. I try to invite them to a social first so they can really feel the vibe of our awesome chapter, and then next to a meeting because it’s important so they get a realistic sense of what we all do together. I also tell them, ‘Just do what you can, you don’t have to come to everything.’ We keep a very busy calendar, formal projects and socially, and that’s part of the beauty of helping the chapter grow larger. If we have an activity where a few of our members can’t make it, it’s not a deal-breaker, there are enough of us always available to make it a success.”

## Let’s TACO ‘bout ESA



*Beta Beta chapter, Holdenville, OK hosts “Let’s TACO ‘bout ESA” party*

Looking for an awesome social to invite guests to your chapter after the holidays? Try ESA’s new national activity, TACO PARTIES! Chapters all across the country are right now planning taco parties to welcome new members. These parties are great for both established chapters and for initial gatherings for new chapters. Find taco trivia, video link to share with people you’re inviting, recipes and more on at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/tacoparty](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/tacoparty) (no log-in required).

Request to join ESA’s Membership Ideas Facebook group (private group for ESA members only): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESAmembershipIdeas/>

## ESA for St Jude

It was both an honor and a privilege to represent the ESA membership at the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend. While wearing my Team ESA shirt on Friday, I lost count of how many times I was told "Thank You" for ESA's longtime support of St. Jude. From the cashier at the Gift Shop, to the ALSAC representatives at the Race Registration Packet Pickup and the Expo, they all said that they loved our ESA members. My greatest memory of the weekend, however, must be on the course on Saturday morning. It really made my heart swell when all the participants were being cheered on by St. Jude patients, families, doctors and nurses as we made our way through the St. Jude campus just after we finished the first mile. The second-best thing was then cheering on our Executive Director, Charlotte Carloni, and her dad in the last mile of their 26.2-mile run. Because of all your support and fund-raising efforts, we have surpassed our goal this year! If you have never been to the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend, I challenge you to attend next year on December 7, 2019. Mark your calendars!



Angie Fairbanks  
IC ESA for St. Jude Senior





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## Team ESA

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FUNDS RAISED FOR ST. JUDE

**\$83,254**

OUR TEAM'S PROGRESS



## Easterseals



Looking forward to see all the numbers from your state. Please remember, Easterseals numbers are tracked in a different time frame then the other Philanthropic reports. We run from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Please keep track and lets make this a record year to celebrate Easterseals 100th Anniversary!! I am only an email away if you have any questions. Always remember there is no stupid question. We are here to help you.

Hugs to all  
Deana Walters  
Easterseals Coordinator

## Association of the Arts

Where are all my crafters out there? Are you ready to share your Gift with the rest of us at IC in Memphis? Hope you are already planning to help me fill the room with our amazing talent! Be watching the website for the updated Association of Arts form and start working on all those entries. Let's make my mailman earn his pay! Can't wait to see what you all have been working on since July!

Bonnie Templeton  
Association of Arts Co-Chair  
[Bonnet56@gmail.com](mailto:Bonnet56@gmail.com)



## Awards Chair

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a very prosperous New Year in 2019!

I'm sure each State Award Chair is busy with award preparations and going in full force! I look forward to serving as your 2018-19 IC Awards Chair. The 2018-19 Junior and Senior High Youth Outstanding Award forms have been updated and downloaded on the ESA Website. For your convenience, the Junior and Senior High Outstanding Youth Award forms are attached.



As a reminder, the DEADLINE for submitting the Junior and Senior Youth Award forms is MARCH 1st.

The Junior High Youth Award winner shall receive a \$500 cash award.

The Senior High Youth Award winner shall receive a \$1,000.00 Grant, which may be applied toward his/her tuition, registration fees, books, supplies and equipment, dormitory fees, or any other college fees or academic expenses.

I hope that you will promote both of these Awards this year. If you have any additional questions regarding Awards, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jaycee Peak  
2018-19 IC Awards Chair

## Philanthropic



Happy New Year!

Hope everyone is having a successful year with your philanthropic projects.

The updated Philanthropic form is now available on the ESA website. Remember it is never too early to track your hours, mileage and money. The 2018-2019 Mileage Rate is \$0. 54.5 / mile.

I have received the name and contact information for the state philanthropic chair from a few of you – if you haven't sent it to me, please do so soon.

Thank you,  
Chris York, Philanthropic Chair

## Chaplain

The first of the year is upon us—for some of us this time of year can be difficult -the weather is cold and gray, the excitement of the holidays have come and gone, family have returned home. Take a few moments to check on your family, neighbors and friends especially if you know they are alone. A simple text message, voicemail, phone call or email can brighten someone's day.

Please continue to share your prayer request with the IC Chaplain but don't forget to share the happy moments as well—births, special anniversaries, special birthday, and even community awards. We need to celebrate together as well as pray together for those in need.

Seven Steps to Happiness  
Think less-Feel More  
Fear Less-Love More  
Complain Less-Appreciate More  
Watch Less-DO More  
Judge Less-Accept More  
Talk Less- Listen More  
Frown Less- Smile More

IC Chaplain  
Maria Binghiem





## State Council and Chapter News

### California- Beta Zeta *submitted by Marcella Gauna*

Beta Zeta Chapter 4137 had their annual Secret Pal Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at the Bear River Casino in Loleta. Bonnie and husband Jack, Jackie and husband George, Karen and husband Gene, Wincel, Imogene and Marcella enjoyed a wonderful dinner, great company and of course opening gifts from their Secret Sisters.



### Texas State Council

*President: Kelly Kinser*

*"JUST IMAGINE"*

*Publicity Chair: Cheryl Deleranko*

As with most ESA members, December didn't slow down. There were many charitable events throughout the state. Foremost on our Wish List were benefits for **St. Jude Children's Hospital**. ESA members from **Zeta Tau & Delta Epsilon** joined **District IV**, San Antonio, on December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, to help generate an incredible donation of **\$525,689!** This was thanks to the incredible partnership with **KJ-97**, an I-Heart radio station, at the North Star Mall in San Antonio. Royce Walker, Becky Hovermale, and local St. Jude Rep, Anyoeth Sanchez, made our efforts smooth.



L-R: Carolyn Worley, Judy Owens, Susanne Dullack, Tamara Carroll, & Royce Walker, our Coordinator.



*The Kappa Beta Holiday Tea at the Dallas Arboretum* was an incredible day, with perfect weather & special memories. **Christmas Tree,**



L-R: Cree, Cathy Roberts, **Texas State President: Kelly Kinser**, Sue Jones, Pam O'Neal Gonzalez, Cyndy Long, Heather Thatcher, & Judy Canterbury



Just a bit late, however we wanted to mention a great honor for our Past Texas State President, **Linda Waters**. At the IC Convention in Phoenix in July 2018, our very own Ms. Waters was recognized as the recipient of the **BJ Clark Award**. This Award is given to the State President who has gone above and beyond the responsibilities of her office as State President.

**A Huge Congratulations to Linda!**

Texas Chairpersons, Rose Pasillas & Debbi Morris, are actively preparing with their committees for the **IC Convention to be held July 15-18, 2020**, at the **Embassy Suites in Grapevine, Texas**. It's never too early to plan for this fun & TEXAS size event! We are so very excited about it ourselves—to Welcome ESA members from near and far!

**Hoping you all had a Very Merry Christmas and have exciting plans for 2019!**

*"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." --Rob Siltanen*

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ESA~ Kid Causes – President's Focus  
IC President, Kim Kummer

Chapter Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Kid Causes Project (name or event): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of kids impacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share about your project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send completed form & photos to Anita Hilburn – [anita.hilburn@gmail.com](mailto:anita.hilburn@gmail.com) 318-773-9228







## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to the IC Awards Chair. The winner of the award will be notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form, and postmarked later than March 1<sup>st</sup> will be disqualified.

Mail directly to:

International Council Awards Chair  
Jaycee Peak  
265 Raintree Drive  
Danville, IN 46122  
C: 317-443-7983  
Email: jaycee61672@att.net





## **Outstanding Senior High Youth Award**

### **AWARD GUIDELINES**

1. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. There are adequate funds to give the grant in the fund account by April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.
2. The Outstanding Youth will receive a certificate from the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.



## OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD COVER SHEET

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 15<sup>th</sup>.

This completed application and all required enclosures must be sent to the IC Youth Awards Chair **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(For Office Use Only)**

Meets criteria of the designated scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ 3.0 GPS minimum on a 4.0 Grade Scale

\_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) letters of recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Application signed by the applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Current transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Met the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

### Criteria for Selection:

A. Character

B. Leadership Skills

C. Scholastic Ability

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

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## 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***

The applicant shall be a senior high student who meets the academic qualification:

Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 Grade Scale

The applicant shall provide a copy of the most recent to verify grades.

### ***Character and Leadership Skills***

The applicant shall provide the judging committee with two (2) 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.

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 **March 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.**

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 winner (only) after judging has been completed and no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enclose a **photo of student**.





## **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 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to the International Council Awards Chair. The winner of the award will be notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications improperly completed, incomplete or not on the current form, and postmarked later than March 1<sup>st</sup> will be disqualified.

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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.**



## OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION PERMISSION FORM

**\*TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

**Name of Student:**

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**Name of School:**

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**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.

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