

The Exchange Club of Aledo is again seeking applications for Youth of the Year from the Mercer County School District #404. Applicants must be a graduating senior and must complete the application form. The 2025 deadline for applications is March 28, 2025. A scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be presented to the Youth of the Year. The winning student will be selected as the club's entry into the Lincolnland District (Illinois, Wisc. & Upper Michigan) Exchange Club Youth of the Year competition which has a \$2,500 scholarship award and that winner has the chance to compete for the National Exchange Club Youth of the Year award which has a \$15,000 scholarship award.

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EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALEDO YOUTH OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

PHONE # _____

NAME: _____

**All applications are to be submitted to the
Counselor's office by end of day, March
28, 2025.**

INSTRUCTIONS

Sections 1 and 2 address the candidate's achievements during five of his or her final six semesters in high school. All grading should be based on a five semester period beginning with the sophomore (10th grade) year and ending with the close of the first semester of the senior (12th grade) year. Make sure to enter a score for each semester in each appropriate activity column as well as a total.

Section 1a — Activities

Student Government/Class Government -Report on highest office held per group each semester.

Newspaper/Annual School Publication -Report on highest position held per publication each semester.

Musical Organization -Band denotes any musical group which is school-sponsored. Choir denotes any vocal group which is school-sponsored. Drum major/majorette must be part of school-sponsored activity.

Debate/Scholastic Bowl Activities -Winner denotes any recognized award achieved as an individual or as a member of a team in either an inter-or intra-school competition. However, only one such victory may be counted per semester. Team denotes any group

representing either a high school class or the high school as a whole. If the candidate receives a score as a winner and is part of a team, he or she should also receive credit for team membership.

Stage Production -Performer denotes active participation on stage as a member of a theatrical or similar school-sponsored production. Production Crew denotes participation in an activity necessary to support a school performance (i.e. stage hand, projectionist, makeup, etc.). Only one performance may be counted per semester.

Athletic Teams, Club Membership -see explanation on entry form.

Section 1b — Community Service Activities
Community Organization Membership and
Volunteer Service Hours -see explanation on entry form.

Section 2 — Grades

Multiply the student's cumulative G.P.A. (using the 4.0 system) by 50 to get the score for Section 2. G.P.A. may not exceed 4.0.

Section 3 — Special Achievements/Awards

List up to 10 special achievements and awards, specifying if local, state or national. Attach a typewritten paragraph describing most outstanding achievement.

**Selection of the Youth of the Year Award may be made on any qualifications as determined
by the Exchange Club of Aledo.**

Section 1a — Activities*Student Government/Class Government*

- President (4 points)
- Other Officer (3 points)
- Representative (2 points)
- Committee Member (1 point)

POINTS EARNED**Semesters**

10	10	11	11	12	

20 points max.*Newspaper/Annual School Publication*

- Editor (4 points)
- Manager (3 points)
- Staff (2 points)

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20 points max.*Musical Organization*

- Band (2 points)
- Choir (2 points)
- Orchestra (2 points)
- Drum Major/Majorette (2 points)
- Receiving Individual Music Instruction (2 points)

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30 points max.*Debate Activities*

- Winner (2 points)
- Team Member (1 point)

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15 points max.*Stage Production*

- Performer (2 points)
- Production Crew (1 point)

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15 points max.*Athletic Teams*

Captain or Co-Captain (2 points), Team Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester, with points earned for each. Do not include intramural sports.

20 points max.*Club Membership*

(Clubs authorized and sponsored by the high school.) Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester, with points earned for each.

20 points max.

Section 1a Total _____
140 points max.

Section 1b — Community Service Activities

Community Organization Membership

(Including youth groups, religious, and service organizations which meet at least once a month.) President (3 points), Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per semester and no more than 20 hours per semester.

Include list of activities performed.

20 points max.

Volunteer Service Hours

(Such as hospital or nursing home service, Salvation Army bell-ringing, etc.) 1 point for every five (5) hours.

List no more than two (2) activities per semester and no more than 20 hours per semester.

20 points max.

Section 1b Total _____

40 points max.

Section 2 — Grades

Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____ x 50 = _____

Section 2 Total _____

200 points max.

Section 3 — Personal Achievements/Awards

Each nominee should list his/her 10 most outstanding achievements and awards, including those for athletics, scouting, talent, etc. The nominee should select the achievement he/she considers to be the most outstanding and describe why in a typewritten paragraph (*maximum 200 words*). Attach paragraph to this form.

Date	Description	Local	State	National

Section 3 Total _____

160 points max.

(Please attach additional sheets if necessary.)