

## YOUTH LEGACY AWARD

The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children or grandchildren of a veteran or first responder. Candidates also display exceptional community involvement and leadership skills. This program rewards outstanding young people and provides incentive for others to serve their country and communities. Legacy of the Year Award candidates will submit applications to their school counselor's office. The Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students whose parent(s)/grandparent(s) are first responders or veterans. This is a positive program with two key objectives: it helps encourage students to continue with community involvement and leadership; and, it recognizes students who have knowledge and experience regarding the sacrifices made for community and country. This special recognition serves as a powerful awareness to all students that it is an honorable action to serve our communities and country, thus making our communities better places to live. The submission deadline for the national Legacy of the Year Award to the school counselor is March 31, 2021.

### CANDIDATE SUBMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Candidate must have a parent or grandparent that are either a first responder or veteran.
2. The candidate will graduate from high school this year, OR complete GED classes by the age of 19.
3. Obtain school official signature.
4. Submit the candidate's essay before the deadline. (**See essay requirement below**).

### SECTION 1 – PREPARED BY CANDIDATE OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_: Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Veteran Parent/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch that Veteran Parent/Grandparent Served In: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Name of First Responder Parent/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

First Responder Organization of Parent/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:**

We certify that the above-named student will graduate this year from  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School on or before June 1, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Counselor

**SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE.**

**Essay Requirement** not to exceed 500 words (submitted by candidate): Essay must include 1. Candidates description, in their own words, of the event (or events) in their life of which they are most proud. 2. A description of their future plans for making their community, and the world, a better place to live. 3. A paragraph about their veteran or first responder parent/grandparent, and their perspective of what they have done.