



California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs

Youth Leadership Impact Award

EXCEL Club Advisor / Student Packet

For members of an EXCEL High School Club

Purpose of the Award

The Youth Leadership Impact Award recognizes a senior who has shown exceptional leadership and made a measurable, meaningful impact in an EXCEL Club at their school. The recipient is a student who leads by example, empowers those around them, and turns vision into action.

Instructions for the EXCEL Club Advisor

Please review the following key points to ensure a smooth and successful nomination process:

1. Identify a Nominee

- Identify an EXCEL Club senior who has been an active member of the Club for at least six months and has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made a measurable, meaningful impact within the Club.
- Provide the nominee with an updated application and instructions.
- Confirm and communicate the Club's submission deadline to the nominee.

2. Verification and Certification

- Provide an Advisor's Narrative | SECTION 1 of the application for the nominee.
- Not to exceed 500 words.
- Describe in detail the nominee's leadership, specific actions taken, and the measurable impact made within the EXCEL Club.
- This narrative must be typewritten.
- Confirm the nominee is an active, in-good-standing member of the EXCEL Club.
- Ensure the application includes the signatures of the EXCEL Club Advisor and the nominee's parent/guardian.
- Note: Judges rely heavily on specific, measurable examples of impact and leadership — avoid general statements.

3. Monitoring and Support

- Monitor the progress of the nominee to ensure a timely submission.

4. Submission Instructions

- Only on-time applications will be accepted.
- Include a 5" x 7" high-resolution JPEG photo of the nominee with the application.
- Nominee submits the application online or via PDF, as directed by the Club.

5. Important Dates

- Submission deadline: to be set by the Club (see Committee action item on establishing this award's calendar).
- Award: Club-level recognition/award is determined by each Club. A \$2,500 scholarship is awarded separately to the CA/NV District-level winner only.

Nomination Form

Submission Deadline: _____

Sponsoring Exchange Club:

EXCEL Club (School Name):

Exchange Club Chairperson's Name:

Exchange Club Chairperson's Mobile Phone Number:

Exchange Club Chairperson's Address:

Exchange Club Chairperson's E-mail Address:

SECTION 1: Prepared by EXCEL Club Advisor

Student's Name on Award:

Student's Legal Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Student's E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

High School / EXCEL Club:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Parent or Guardian E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

EXCEL Club Advisor's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

EXCEL Club Advisor's Narrative

Suggested prompt (not to exceed 500 words): Describe in detail this student's leadership within the EXCEL Club — specific actions they have taken, how they have empowered fellow members, and the measurable, meaningful impact they have made. Include concrete examples (projects led, initiatives started, problems solved) and your assessment of the student's outlook and potential for continued leadership. This narrative is written by the EXCEL Club Advisor:

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Instructions for the Student

Please review the following key instructions to ensure a smooth and successful nomination process:

1. Important Club Deadline

- Please give your completed application to your EXCEL Club Advisor before the deadline noted on the Nomination Form. Your Advisor will forward your application to the Club. Late submissions will not be accepted.

2. Familiarize Yourself with the Application

- If you have questions regarding the application, please contact your EXCEL Club Advisor.

3. Nomination Form

- SECTION 1 | Your EXCEL Club Advisor will complete this section of the application.
- SECTION 2 | Completed by You (Student).

4. Essay Requirements — Narratives A & B

- Narrative A: Describe a specific project, initiative, or moment when you led by example in your EXCEL Club and turned an idea into action. What was the impact?
- Narrative B: Describe how you have empowered or motivated other members of your EXCEL Club, and how you plan to carry your leadership skills into future community service.

5. Essay Guidelines

- Essays MUST be typewritten for submission.
- Essay word count is 250 words or less each.
- Your EXCEL Club Advisor can transcribe your essays if you cannot access a computer.
- Save this completed PDF as a new file and forward it back to your Advisor (e.g., YLIA_YOURSCHOOL_YOURFIRSTLASTNAME).
- Email the completed application, including the parent/guardian signature, back to your Advisor.
- Note: The stronger and more specific the narratives, the stronger the final evaluation.

6. Club Recognition

- The Club will honor its nominee/winner at a local event; family members are encouraged to attend.

SECTION 2 — Prepared by Student

Narrative A (not to exceed 250 words): Describe a specific project, initiative, or moment when you led by example in your EXCEL Club and turned an idea into action. What was the impact? — Total 50 points.

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SECTION 2 — Prepared by Student (continued)

Narrative B (not to exceed 250 words): Describe how you have empowered or motivated other members of your EXCEL Club, and how you plan to carry your leadership skills into future community service — Total 50 points.

Advisor / Parent / Club Officer Certification

Must be filled out in its entirety.

In accordance with the established rules and regulations of the California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs, we certify that the above-named student is an active member in good standing of the EXCEL Club named above and has participated in the activities and achievements described in this application.

Signature of EXCEL Club Advisor

Signature

Date

Printed Name (EXCEL Club Advisor)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date

Printed Name (Parent/Guardian)

Signature of Club President

Signature

Date

Printed Name (Club President)