



## **Exchange Club of Columbia County A.C.E. Award and Scholarship**

The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award recognizes a high school senior who have had to overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and is now eligible for high school graduation.

This is a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and keeps them on track to continue their education. Second, the award recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do pay.

The candidate will graduate from a public high school within Columbia County this year or reside in Columbia County and complete GED classes by the age of 19. Each candidate must include the following information: Narrative of no more than 500 words that describes the problem and how it was overcome (Completed by Guidance Counselor / Admin / Teacher), Narrative A, and Narrative B not to exceed 250 words for each narrative (Both completed by the Student).

The Exchange Club of Columbia County is pleased to be able to offer this award and a check for \$2,500 to the student who best represents the mission of the A.C.E. Award.

The deadline for applications will be **February 12, 2026** and the award will be presented at the recipient's high school Honor's Program. The recipient along with their parents and school sponsor will also be invited to the Exchange Club meeting on **April 23, 2026** as part of our annual recognition ceremony.

**Section 1 – Prepared by Guidance Counselor / Admin / Teacher**

## Exchange Club of Columbia County

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Narrative: (not to exceed 500 words)**

*Describe the problem and how it was overcome*

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We certify that the above named student has participated in listed activities and achievements and will graduate this year \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ High School.

Signature of School Official

**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

Section 2 – *Prepared by Student*

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

School Clubs & Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities (*Church, Volunteer Organizations, Part-Time Job*):

## Achievements

**Narrative A** (not to exceed 250 words)

*Describe in your own words the event or events in your life that you are most proud of.*

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**Narrative B** (not to exceed 250 words)

*Describe in your own words your plans for the future to make your community and world a better place to live.*

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Please submit to: Your school's Guidance Department by **February 12, 2026.**

For questions – you may send an email to [ExchangeClubColumbiaCounty@gmail.com](mailto:ExchangeClubColumbiaCounty@gmail.com)