Teresa Mueller presents the award to Michael Joseph of Belleville, Illinois.

Youth of the Year Award

One of the most popular Exchange youth projects, the Youth of the Year Award recognizes hard-working high school seniors who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. This proven program not only rewards outstanding young people, but also provides an incentive for other students to strive for equally high levels of achievement. Exchange Clubs throughout the country have implemented Youth of the Month programs and, from those recipients, select a local Youth of the Year. Each Club in the Lincolnland District may submit their local Youth of the Year recipient's name for consideration of the District's Youth of the Year Award. The Lincolnland District recipient's name is then forwarded to the National Headquarters to contend for National Honors.

The Lincolnland Exchange Clubs Foundation for Youth funds an annual scholarship for the District Youth of the Year Award recipient.

Robert Ogilvie presents the award to Ana Banda of Beardstown, Illinois.

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence (or A.C.E.) is a program that recognizes high school seniors who have made dramatic changes in their attitude and performance during their high school years. These changes have enabled the students to overcome adversities and prepare for graduation. As with the Youth of the Year Award, each Exchange Club selects a local A.C.E. recipient and submits that name to the District. The District A.C.E. recipient is announced at the annual convention and presented with a financial award, funded by the Foundation, which can be used to further their education. The District A.C.E. Award winner's name is submitted to the National Office for consideration for National Honors.
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