

EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA) 2018

INTRODUCTION

MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) in 2012 to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ECHA are:

- (a) To emphasise the importance of character and values vis-à-vis achievements in the academic domain; and
- (b) To recognise outstanding students in each school who are exemplary in character, and who can be role models to inspire others.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The ECHA is meant to recognise and affirm students who demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. Students must satisfy the following eligibility criteria before they can be given the ECHA:

- (a) Students must be Singaporeans studying in government/ government-aided primary or secondary schools, independent schools, specialised independent schools, specialised schools or junior colleges/ centralised institute (JC/CI); and
- (b) Students must, on a consistent basis, demonstrate good character and values. In particular, students may be identified for demonstrating the following types of qualities:
 - (i) School's 'PRISM' and/or R³ICH values viz. Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Care and Harmony, *civic responsibility and/or resilience*
 - (ii) A high level of civic responsibility. These would be students who are concerned about issues in the community or issues faced by others, initiating action to address these issues to improve the lives of others, and being committed to make a positive difference ; and/or
 - (iii) Qualities associated with resilience. Students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, family issues, health issues etc.), and managed to overcome the odds and still do commendably well in academic and non-academic domains.

FORM OF AWARD

Similar to the practice for other Edusave awards, the ECHA awardees will receive a certificate and an award voucher. The ECHA award quanta are as follows, depending on the level of study:

Levels	Award Quantum
Primary 1 to 3	\$200
Primary 4 to 6	\$350

STRUCTURED SELECTION PROCESS

There will be 3 key stages in the selection process: Nomination, Shortlisting and Endorsement by panel.

NOMINATION

Nominations will be opened from **Monday 16 JULY 2018 to Friday 27 JULY 2018** and submission to be made at the General Office.

The Nomination Form will be made available through:

- (i) Printed copies in the General Office;
- (ii) Softcopy downloadable from the school website; and

The ECHA is meant to recognise and affirm students who demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions and we look forward to your nominations.