

Education Excellence Day

Information Guide
The Outstanding University Student

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

In a world characterized by rapid change, it is our duty to provide our young generation with the knowledge and skills that enable them to participate in the change, not just cope with it. This is what our nation is striving to achieve under the guidance of His Highness the Amir.

Therefore, as we establish our policies and our plans, we have to realize the significance of the new phase created by our educational system, which is developing steadily. We are now in a stage where we aim to achieve further progress and prosperity for our precious country in all fields.

Educational excellence means efficiency and sense of duty, which nations require to achieve progress.

Educational excellence is limitless, just like human creativity.

Therefore, we are keen to honor our young generation on Education Excellence Day, for they are the builders of a promising future, by God's will.

His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani
Heir Apparent
Chairman of the Supreme Education Council

Praise be to Allah ...

Excellence has become a feature of the times we live in. There is no room in the current fast-paced era for the non-creative and the non-talented. Especially if this is a natural response to Allah's doctrine which called for perfection in everything ... The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: Allah loves if you pursue a work, you perfect it...

Our country, while moving with a steady pace toward a cognitive based society in light of Qatar National Vision 2030, depends on its students' achievements and excellence in the fields of science and knowledge. Creative minds and innovative thinking are the true wealth of our country.

It is the smart vision of the patron of this award, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to honor distinguished individuals in the State of Qatar at all levels and from all categories, and promote quality standards in the educational system ... and inspire the spirit of fair competition.

The Education Excellence Award is not just the fruit of good efforts but a respected acknowledgement of work and achievements distinguished by innovation and creativity.

If reaching the peak requires hard work and continuous pursuit, then maintaining this position requires double the efforts ... determination ... and constant perseverance. Reaching excellence and creativity is our goal.

The Education Excellence Award, with this enlightened vision, is a significant addition to the educational system and the educational development of the State of Qatar, for it honors motivation for a person's contribution, creativity, innovation and search for all that is new and useful for the educational process.

This award is also an invitation for the sons of the homeland to work efficiently ... and to achieve excellent education at all levels ... a promising education, closely linked to sustainable progress and development for our country and our nation ...

Knowledge is the true base for building a cognitive society in our country according to the ambitious vision set by our wise leadership.

Therefore, I urge my sons and daughters to work hard and with perseverance to reach excellence in all fields ... with all my best wishes.

God Speed

Saad Bin Ibrahim Al-Mahmoud
Minister of Education
Secretary-General
Supreme Education Council
Head of the Award Board of Trustees

Praise be to Allah ...

Excellence and competition are characteristics of humans in general, and it is most compelling and necessary for us as Muslims for it is our way toward happiness and excellence in life and in the life hereafter.

We find an explicit invitation to excellence through honest competition, which reveals innovations, capabilities and motivations.

According to this idea, which the education reform initiative seeks to develop and promote in the State of Qatar, the Education Excellence Award, sponsored by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Heir Apparent and the President of the Supreme Education Council, is established to honor scientifically distinguished students of Qatar, and to promote opportunities for excellence in the education sector.

There is no doubt that this award plays a significant role in spreading the culture of innovation and excellence in Qatari society, and will promote the abilities of students, teachers, school administrations, university students and PhD students for further distinguished excellence, research and creative thinking. This is what we hope to achieve through participation in the various categories of the Education Excellence Award.

Excellence is the true print of human acts, and could never be realized in a vacuum. It needs strong determination, continuous effort, accuracy and seriousness in the application and the cooperation with all parties. It also builds on good examples, wisdom in action, the ability to communicate and interrelating with others.

We have high hopes that this significant award will open many doors opened to develop education in the State, "Education for a New Era", to achieve excellence and honest competition.

The Award Commission

The Outstanding University Student

The Qatari student who holds a University certificate from an accredited university with a score of 3.6 or the equivalent.

Terms of participation

A – Platinum Medal Category

1. The student must be of Qatari nationality (a copy of the ID card).
2. To be a graduate from one of the accredited universities in the lists of the Supreme Education Council, Qatar University and North Atlantic College.
3. To obtain the university certificate in the same academic year (students studying abroad or on scholarships are exempt).
4. To obtain 3.6 GPA or more in the overall score of University Certificate or the equivalent.
5. The minimum level for a student to compete for winning is to obtain at least 95% of the total score of evaluation criteria.

B - Gold Medal Category

1. The student must be of Qatari nationality (a copy of the ID card).
2. To be a graduate from one of the accredited universities in the lists of the Supreme Education Council, Qatar University and North Atlantic College.
3. To obtain the university certificate in the same academic year (students studying abroad or on scholarships are exempt).
4. To obtain 3.6 or more in the overall score of University Certificate or the equivalent.
5. The minimum level for a student to compete for winning is to obtain at least 85% of the total score of evaluation criteria.

Prize Value

First: Winner Students

- **Outstanding University Student Platinum Medal Category:**
The Outstanding University Student is to be awarded a platinum medal and cash reward of (45,000 Qatari riyals).
- **Outstanding University Student Gold Medal Category:**
The outstanding University Student is to be awarded a gold medal, a certificate of excellence and a cash reward (35,000 Qatari riyals).

Second: Participant Students

- **The Participant University Student Platinum Medal Category:**
The participant University Student who obtains 90% or above score in the evaluation criteria, and has not won a prize, is to be awarded a certificate of excellence.

- **The Participant University Student Gold Medal Category:**
The University student participant who obtains 80% or above degrees of the evaluation criteria and have not won the prize, is to be awarded a certificate of excellence.

Evaluation Criteria

1) Personal Characteristics

Include a set of subsidiary criteria, namely:

1 / 1: Leadership:

- Leadership positions held by the student during the university years.
- Define the leadership roles and actions played by the student.

1 / 2 : Fluency and Expression:

- listing the activities that demonstrate the student's fluency and expression.

1 / 3: Discussion and Debate Capability:

This will take place during the interview conducted by the Judging Panel. The following sub standards will be measured during the interview:

- Articulation.
- Ideas, clarity and coherence.
- Persuasion and influence ability.
- Express opinions.
- Self-confidence.

2) Self-Development

The standard includes the following criteria:

2 / 1: Training Courses:

- Training sessions, in which the student participated as a trainee or instructor to his fellow students.

2 / 2: Seminars and Lectures:

- Seminars, lectures and forums attended or participated in the student.

2 / 3: Scientific Visits:

- Number of various scientific, social and cultural visits paid by the student, locally and abroad during university years.

2 / 4: Talents and Hobbies:

- Talents and hobbies practiced by the student.
- Identification of the means to develop those talents and hobbies.
- Identify the product of each talent or hobby.

3) Various Activities and Competitions

3 / 1: University activities:

- Number of university activities in which the student participated.
- Determine the type of activity.

3 / 2: Competitions and Prizes:

- Number of competitions, in which the student participated.
- Prizes and medals won by the student.
- Determine the type of participation and outcome.

4) Community contributions

- The name and date of participation in the event.
- Determining the level of participation and the event.
- It is suggested that there should be one participation in each type and if the student had more than one participation, it is proposed that the best participation is recalled.

5) Scientific Research

- Determine the title of the research.
- Identify key research objectives.
- The most important results of the research.
- Offer a brief presentation of the research for ten minutes.

Note:

- Interviews will be made with students who obtained 80% or more on the total evaluation criteria for measuring capacity for dialogue and discussion.