

Education Excellence Day

General Information Guide

Education Excellence Day Award

Vision

Enhancing creativity and excellence in the Qatari society.

Mission

Deepen the understanding of excellence and creativity by adopting international standards, and executing quality programs that integrate individual and institutional efforts to promote educational outputs in Qatar.

The Objectives

1. Award and celebrate outstanding Qatari students.
2. Deepen the understanding of excellence and encourage individuals and educational institutions to promote their performance.
3. Direct positive trends towards knowledge and scientific research.
4. Encourage creativity among students, researchers and educational institutions.
5. Encourage competition for education excellence among individuals and institutions.
6. Direct individual and institutional energies towards achieving excellence in areas that best serve the development needs of the country.

What is the Award

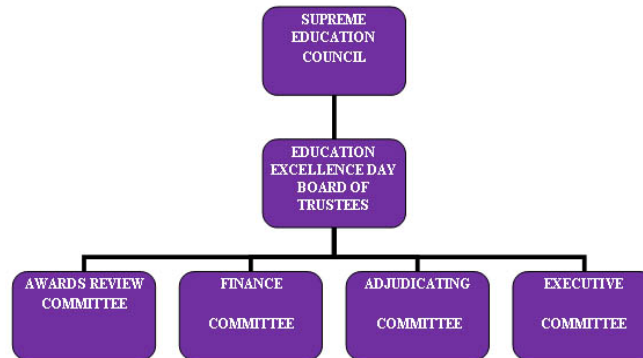
Educational Excellence Day Award is awarded to the scientifically excellent from among the children of the State of Qatar in various areas, to spread the culture of innovation and excellence in the Qatari society and to encourage students toward more excellence and educational gain.

Award Categories

1. Educational Excellence Award for the Secondary School Certificate Students.
2. Educational Excellence Award for University Graduates.
3. Educational Excellence Award for PhD Holders.
4. Award for Excellent Teacher.
5. Award for Excellent School.
6. Award for Scientific Research.

The Award Administration

Awards Structure



ROLE OF THE SUPREME EDUCATION COUNCIL:

The role of SEC includes:

1. Set award policies
2. Approve award value
3. Approve award categories
4. Define number of awardees in each category
5. Any other business.

The EED Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the supervision and monitoring of activities important to realization of award objectives. The role of BOT includes:

1. Accredite award documents.
2. Accredite financial and administrative systems.
3. Establish permanent and temporary committees and define their tasks.

4. Submit final report to the Supreme Education Council.
5. Any other business

Adjudicating Committee:

The Adjudicating Committee, which comprises education experts nominated through BOT, is responsible for assessing and selecting nominees, conducting field visits and personal interviews and submit final report to the BOT.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee is responsible for the overall financial details of the award, determine its value and delivering the financial awards to the awardees.

Its tasks include:

1. Preparing the annual budget proposals and submit it to BOT for approval.
2. Maintaining records and account logbooks.
3. Documenting all financial operations and provide authenticated receipts signed by the financial committee and accredited by head of committee.

Awards Review Committee:

The Awards Review Committee is composed of education experts nominated by BoT. Committee members will meet regularly and their tasks include:

1. Set award criteria for all categories and develop them as deemed necessary.
2. Suggest new award categories.
3. Review award documents and develop them.
4. Accredite all award publications and approve their printing.
5. Review award criteria annually based on feedback.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee is responsible for executing and monitoring all functions and recommendations of the BoT with respect to the EED. The Office of Communications represents the Executive Committee and its role includes:

1. Establishing technical committees and task forces and determine their responsibilities and propose financial awards to their members.
2. Executing the public relations plan for the award.
3. Executing the event's day activities.
4. Coordinating and monitoring activities for EED ceremony.
5. Ensuring provision of materials and supplies.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to assign individuals to help in the organization and coordination and monitoring the public relations activities and to establish sub-committees for that purpose.

Terms of Participation

Participation conditions for the Excellent Student Category:

The selection will be made in a competitive way among applicants who meet the following condition:

A. Platinum Medal:

1. The student must be of a Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card.)
2. Must be a secondary school student in the State of Qatar.
3. Must have obtained the Secondary School Certificate in the same year.
4. Must obtain 95% or more in each of the last three years out of the overall total of school subjects (copies of the approved official certificates of the last three years.)
5. The minimum level for a student to compete is to obtain at least 90% of the total score of assessment criteria.

B. Gold Medal:

1. The student must be of a Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card.)
2. Must be a secondary school student in the State of Qatar.

3. Must have obtained the Secondary School Certificate in the same year.
4. Must obtain 95% or more in each of the last three years out of the overall total of school subjects (copies of the approved official certificates of the last three years.)
5. The minimum level for a student to compete is to obtain at least 85% of the total score of assessment criteria.

Participation conditions for the Excellent School Category:

1. The School should not have won the Education Excellence Award during the last three years.
2. The percentage of Qatari students should not be less than 60% of the total number of students.
3. The minimum level to compete is to obtain at least 80% of the total score of assessment criteria.

Participation conditions for the Excellent teacher Category:

- 1- The teacher must be of a Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card.)
- 2- Must have spent 5 years or more in the teaching profession.
- 3- Must have a current job title as “Teacher”.
- 4- Must have Bachelor degree with educational qualification.
- 5- Must have obtained an excellent evaluation (90%) or more in the annual report for the last three years (Approved copies of the technical reports).
- 6- Must not have won the Educational Excellence Award during the last three years.
- 7- Compliance with the profession ethics and code of conduct (Recommendation letters from the principal and educational supervisor/ subject coordinator).

Participation conditions for the University Degree Category:

A. Platinum Medal:

- 1- The student must be of a Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card).
- 2- Must be a graduate from one of the approved universities by the Supreme Education Council, Qatar University or North Atlantic College.
- 3- Must have obtained the university degree in the same academic year of the award, excluding scholarship students and students delegated abroad.
- 4- Must have obtained 3.6 rating or more out of the overall total of the university degree or its equivalent.
- 5- The minimum level for a student to compete is to obtain at least 90% of the total score of the assessment criteria.

B. Gold Medal:

- 1- The student must be of a Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card).
- 2- Must be a graduate from one of the approved universities by the Supreme Education Council, Qatar University or North Atlantic College.
- 3- Must have obtained the university degree in the same academic year of the award, excluding scholarship students and students delegated abroad.

- 4- Must have obtained 3.6 rating or more out of the overall total of the university degree or its equivalent.
- 5- The minimum level for a student to compete is to obtain at least 85% of the total score of the assessment criteria.

Participation conditions for the PhD Holders Category:

- 1- The candidate for the Award must be of a Qatari nationality.
- 2- The candidate must have obtained the PhD in the current academic year from one of the approved universities.
- 3- Must have obtained the PhD with distinction.

Participation conditions for the Scientific Research Category:

- 1- The candidate should be a student at the secondary school level in the State of Qatar.
- 2- The owner of the scientific research must be of Qatari nationality (copy of the ID card).
- 3- The research/ invention submitted for the award should not have won any awards or prizes in the country or abroad.
- 4- Winning research/ inventions shall be owned by the Award Administration and it has the right for its publication.
- 5- The research may be a scientific experiment, a study, or an invention in any of the science branches.
- 6- The researcher shall bear all responsibility for others' copyrights in the case of publishing the research or the study by the Award.
- 7- For the research to compete for winning, the minimum requirement for competing is to obtain not less than 80% of the assessment criteria grades.

The Award Stages:

First: Nomination Method

1. The organizing committee shall receive nominations starting Monday, 7 September 2008 up to Sunday, 5 October 2008, and the nominations must be according to the following:
2. Schools are responsible for receiving all teachers' nominations for the (Excellent Teacher) Award.
3. Each schools that desires to compete shall nominate itself for the Excellent School Award.
4. Secondary schools shall receive their students' nominations for (Excellent Student – Secondary School for both categories and he Excellent Scientific Research for secondary schools students).
5. Independent schools and foreign schools shall submit nominations to the Office of Communications.
6. Ministry of Education schools and private schools that functions under the ministry's supervision shall submit nominations to the Public Relations Office at the Ministry of Education.
7. The Higher Education Institute shall receive nominations for Excellent University Graduates from:
 - Scholarship students.

- Students of the Educational City universities’.
 - Students of North Atlantic College.
 - Students delegated for studies by their employers or any other sponsor.
8. The Public Relations Office in Qatar University shall receive nomination of the Excellent graduates from the university colleges.
 9. PhD holders shall nominate themselves for the Award directly to the Office of Communications in the Supreme Education Council.
 10. All applications for nominations shall be sent by hand through the Public Relations Offices in all the institutions, establishments, sectors, and schools.

Important Note: Applications for nominations shall be received through the above indicated offices. For student abroad, they can obtain the nomination application forms through the Supreme Education Council web site: www.sec.gov.qa

Second: Eligibility Verification

The Award Administration shall verify the eligibility of all applications. In case of exclusion of any application, the concerned party shall be notified by a written letter explaining the reasons of exclusion.

Third: Assessment Stage

After verifying the eligibility of all applications, qualified applications will be distributed at the Selection Committee for assessment according to the Award criteria.

Fourth: Identifying the Winners

Following the assessment of all applications, and interviewing the candidates who obtained qualifying scores for winning, the Selection Committee will identify the winners of the Awards. The Selection Committee’s decision shall be final, and the names of the winners will be announced in a press conference to be held particularly for this occasion.

Fifth: Honoring the Winners

Winners will be honored in an official award ceremony under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Heir Apparent. The ceremony will also be attended by Her Excellency The Secretary General, and State Senior officials and dignitaries, where His Highness, the Heir Apparent, or whomever acts on his behalf, will award the winners with medals and certificates.

Assessment Criteria for the Various Categories:

1. Excellent Secondary School Student Category:

Assessment Criteria for Secondary School Students

- Personal characteristics
- Self development
- The various activities and competitions
- Social contributions
- Scientific research

2. Excellent School Category:

Assessment Criteria for the School

- Leadership and educational administration
- Resource management
- Development and welfare of learners
- Educational performance and learning environment
- School activities and competitions
- Social and parental partnership

3. Excellent Teacher Category

Assessment Criteria for the Teacher

- Planning
- Teaching and learning
- Assessment
- Student care
- Professional development
- Partnership with parents and the local community
- Achievements

4. Scientific Research Category

Assessment Criteria for the Scientific Research

- Innovative potential (Originality)
- Significance of the research
- Scientific thinking
- Organization/ structure
- Accuracy
- Clarity

5. University Graduates Category

Assessment Criteria for the University Students

- Personal characteristics
- Self development
- The various activities and competitions
- Social contributions
- Scientific research

6. PhD Holders Category

Assessment Criteria for PhD Holders

- 1- The candidate for the Award must be of a Qatari nationality.
- 2- The candidate must have obtained the PhD in the current academic year from one of the approved universities.
- 3- Must have obtained the PhD with distinction.

The Award Value

The rewards of the winning categories of the Education Excellence Day Award will be as the following:

Secondary School Students:

First: Winning Students:

- Excellent Student for the Platinum Medal Category:

The excellent student shall be awarded a platinum medal, a certificate of excellence, and a cash reward of Qatari Riyals (35,000).

- Excellent Student for the Gold Medal category:

The excellent student shall be awarded a gold medal, a certificate of excellence, and a cash reward of Qatari Riyals (25,000).

Second: Participating Students:

- Participating Student for the Platinum Medal category:

The participating student who obtains 90% or more of the assessment criteria and did not win, shall be given a certificate of excellence.

- Participating Student for the Gold Medal category:

The participating student who obtains 85% or more of the assessment criteria and did not win, shall be given a certificate of Excellence.

University Graduates:

First: Winning Students:

- Excellent graduate student for the Platinum Medal category:

The excellent graduate student shall be awarded a platinum medal, and a cash reward of Qatari Riyals (45,000).

- Excellent graduate student for the Gold Medal category:

The excellent graduate student shall be awarded a gold medal, and a cash reward of Qatari Riyals (35,000).

Second: Participating Students:

- Participating graduate student for the Platinum Medal category:

The participating graduate student who obtains 90% or more of the assessment criteria and did not win, shall be given a certificate of excellence.

- Participating graduate student for the Gold Medal category:

The participating graduate student who obtains 80% or more of the assessment criteria and did not win, shall be given a certificate of excellence.

PhD Holders

PhD holders shall be awarded the Platinum Medal and a certificate of excellence, in addition to a cash reward of Qatari Riyals 60,000

Excellent School

1- The excellent school shall be awarded a cash reward of Qatari Riyals 100,000, a certificate of excellence, and a gold medal.

(Provided 50% of the cash reward is to be allocated for the school fund, and 50% for the administrative and teaching staff members).

2- Participating schools that have obtained 80% or more and did not win shall be awarded a certificate of excellence.

Excellent Teacher

The excellent teacher shall be awarded with the platinum medal, a certificate of excellence, in addition to a cash reward of Qatari Riyals 60,000

Certificates of excellence shall be awarded to those participating in the Award who obtained 90% or more of the assessment criteria. They shall receive their certificates from their respective schools.

Excellent Scientific Research for Secondary School Students

The owner of the best research among the secondary school students shall be awarded the gold medal, a certificate of excellence, in addition to a cash reward of Qatari Riyals 20,000.