

Edusave Character Award (ECHA) 2018

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 our continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

The objectives of the ECHA are:

- (a) To send a clear and strong signal of the importance that MOE places on character and values, on par with achievements in the academic domain; and
- (b) To recognise outstanding students who are exemplary in character, and who can be role models to inspire others.

Eligibility Criteria

1. All **Singapore citizens** who have met the selection criteria and have cleared the selection process are eligible regardless of the level they are in.
2. Students must, **on a consistent basis**, demonstrate good character and values and be good role models to their peers. In particular, students will be identified for demonstrating the following qualities:
 - a) School motto and values:
 - Charity – shows care and concern for others
 - Patience – exercises self-control and tolerance towards others
 - Devotion – remains loyal and committed to self, family, school and nation
 - Lifelong Learning – shows desire to learn continually
 - Integrity – shows honesty and upholds strong moral principles
 - Graciousness – is kind, courteous, generous and harmonious
 - Humility – is respectful and recognises that others may be better than oneself
 - Tenacity – shows determination and perseverance

- b) A high level of civic responsibility: Students who are concerned about issues in the community or issues faced by others, initiate action to address these issues to improve the lives of others, and demonstrate commitment to make a positive difference.
- c) Qualities associated with resilience: Students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, family issues, health issues), and managed to overcome the odds and still do commendably well in academic and non-academic domains. Students may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the student.

Nomination

Students can be nominated by staff, parents, coaches and other partners using the prescribed nomination form. In addition, they can be nominated by their peers (P3-6). The forms are available from the General Office, the school website and P3-6 Form Teachers.

The form must be duly completed, signed and returned to the General Office by 23 July 2018. Incomplete forms will be rejected.

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:

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

If you have any queries or require further clarifications regarding the award, please contact the General Office.