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Edusave Character Award (ECHA) 2021



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Background

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.

Objective(s):

- 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
- To recognise outstanding students in each school who are exemplary in character, and who can be role models to inspire others.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a Singapore Citizen.
- Demonstrate good character and values. Students may be identified for demonstrating the following types of qualities:
 - Values and/or character traits that the school wishes to recognise or encourage,

School Values

I am a **L**ifelong Learner.
I seize every opportunity to learn.

I have **I**ntegrity.
I honour my words and actions.

I am **G**racious.
I accord others respect and care.

I believe in **H**igh Expectations.
I will do my best in every task assigned.

I believe in **T**eamwork.
I can take the lead and also be a team-player.

I possess **S**elf-discipline.
I set my mind on what I want to achieve and will get it done.

<p>THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</p> <p>MODEL THE WAY</p>  <p>Clarify Values by finding your voice and affirming shared ideals.</p> <p>Set the example by aligning actions with shared values.</p>	<p>THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</p> <p>INSPIRE A SHARED VISION</p>  <p>Envision the future by imagining exciting and ennobling possibilities.</p> <p>Enlist others in a common vision by appealing to shared aspirations.</p>	<p>THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</p> <p>CHALLENGE THE PROCESS</p>  <p>Search for opportunities by seizing the initiative and by looking outward for innovative ways to improve.</p> <p>Experiment and take risks by constantly generating small wins and learning from experience.</p>	<p>THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</p> <p>ENABLE OTHERS TO ACT</p>  <p>Foster collaboration by building trust and facilitating relationships.</p> <p>Strengthen others by increasing self-determination and developing competence.</p>	<p>THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</p> <p>ENCOURAGE THE HEART</p>  <p>Recognize contributions by showing appreciation for individual excellence.</p> <p>Celebrate the values and victories!</p>
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Eligibility Criteria

- b) Qualities associated with resilience. These would be students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, family issues, health issues etc.),
- c) 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 differences.

School-Based Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must have obtained at least a pass in academic performance in the academic year.^[1]
- The nominee must have conduct grade of at least “very good”.
- All ECHA awardees should have received SEA Awards^[2] in previous years or current year.
- Only upper secondary students are eligible. Students of other levels may nominate upper secondary students through peer nomination process.^[3]

[1] Students with weak academic results may be nominated provided the weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the student. This should be exception than norm.

[2] Semestral Exemplary Admiral Award (SEA Award) is given to seven students per class, per semester. Six students are selected for consistently demonstrating L,I,G,H,T,S values(e.g. Life-long Learning Award). The LIGHTS Values Award is given to one student per class who demonstrates a wide range of school values.

[3] The ECHA should be used to recognise students with **consistent and exemplary behaviour** and who would serve as a role model to others (Guiding principle for ECHA). Any lower secondary student who meets the criteria of consistent and exemplary behaviour may be nominated by form teachers through Year Head Team.

Nomination Process

- Nomination form is available in the school website. (Annex A)
- Please complete the form using Arial Font 11, not exceeding 1 page.
- You may refer to sample write-up as a guide. (Annex B)
- You may attach copies of testimonials, certificates and other supporting documents (if any).
Please indicate the nature of evidence in the form (e.g. Commendation Letter).
- Submit soft copy of the nomination form to **admiralty_ss@moe.edu.sg** with the title :
“2021 ECHA Nomination for <Name> <Class>”
Example: 2021 ECHA Nomination for Adam Lee 2E1
- Deadline : **3 August 2021 (Tuesday), Week 6**