

Aim High

Distinguished Academic Student Nomination Form



Cycle 22

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Our Vision

**Leading the Way in Supporting Excellence of Academic Performance and in
Nurturing the Gifted and the Innovative**

**Thank you for your interest in participating in Hamdan Bin Rashid
Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance Awards.
We wish you all the best**

Note: Hard Copy (Paper) applications are no longer valid. Please fill out the electronic application form through <http://tahkeem.ha.ae> during the annual application calendar found on: <http://www.ha.ae/web/guest/annual-calendar>

Eligible Applicants

Every post-secondary school student currently enrolled in an accredited university, college or institution under the authority of the Ministry of Higher Education in the UAE.

Incentives and Awards

- Winner receives a financial award of AED 40,000, a Certificate of Appreciation Excellence Trophy.
- A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to participants receiving a minimum of 80% of allocated points.
- A certificate of Participation is awarded to participants receiving a minimum of 50% of allocated points.

Participation Conditions

- This category is specified to Bachelor degree students only.
- Applicant should be enrolled in college for the present academic year.
- Applicant should be enrolled in a university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education in the UAE.
- Applicant should have a minimum GPA of 3.6 or a grade level equivalent to Excellent (A). Per the grading system of Applicant's university, if grade of "Excellence" is not represented by "A", he/she should enclose evidence of having an "Excellent" average.
- Contact information for 2 of the Applicant's professors must be enclosed.
- Applicant has completed no less than 2 years in his/her current program or no less than (60) credit hours.
- Two Award cycles, other than current cycle, should have passed since the student has last won the Distinguished Academic Student Award.

General Guidelines

First: The Electronic Application Form

UAE Applicant:

1. All application forms and all enclosures should be filled out electronically through: <http://tahkeem.ha.ae>.
2. Enclosed documents and attachments cannot be repeated and should carry orderly serial numbers.

GCC Applicant:

1. All application form pages should be clearly printed.
2. Only current Award cycle form can be used.
3. Application form should be submitted directly to the Foundation coordinator in applicant's country.

Second: Evidence and Attachments

1. Higher scores are given to evidence conveying stronger proof.
2. In case you want to add essential details or necessary elaboration of your efforts, please enclose it as an attachment.
3. All documents provided will be the property of the Foundation.
4. All enclosed evidence should be of activities conducted in the past three years other than the year of application.
5. Please retain all documents exceeding the pre-set sizes and make available if and when requested by the evaluation committee.
6. All enclosed documents should be dated, signed and stamped.
7. It is recommended to diversify evidence issuing entities.
8. Higher scores are given to diversified sources of evidence.
9. Evidence issued by private institutes or centers are valued at current grade level.
10. A maximum of 2 attachments may be placed on 1 page; unclear attachments will be excluded from evaluation.

Avowal

I student,
hereby attest to the authenticity of the data and documents enclosed with the application form. If any information herewith is found to be false, the Award Committee has the right to take necessary measures. Furthermore, I attest that I have read all instructions & conditions on applying for the Award wherein I will abide by all the formerly mentioned guidelines.

Name:

Signature:

Date: / /

Nominated Academic Student Data Sheet

Nominee Personal Information:

Name (as shown on passport):

Nationality: Gender: Male Female Birth Date: / /

Major: Academic Year:

Name of College/University:

Type of Education: Private Government

Nominee Contact Information:

Emirate: City:

House Tel#: Mobile:

Email:

College/Univerity Contact Information:

College: University

Emirate: City/:

Phone: Fax: P.O Box:

Mobile: Email:

Website:

Have you ever participated in Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance/Distinguished Academic Student category?

Yes No Result (.....) Cycle (.....)

The Distinguished Academic Student

Evaluation Criteria

Main Criterion	Secondary Criterion	Allocated Points	Earned Points			
			Stage 1	Main Criterion Total	Stage 2	Main Criterion Total
1. Distinguished Personal Attributes (80 points)	Self-Presentation	80				
2. Academic Competitions and Contests (100 points)	Academic Competitions and Contests Results	100				
3. Self-Development (500 points)	1. Development of Hobbies and Abilities	120				
	2. Development of Talents	180				
	3. Participation in Student Societies and Associations	100				
	4. Workshops, Courses, Lectures, Forums and Conferences	100				
4. Distinguished Contributions and Additions (320 points)	1. Community Contributions	80				
	2. Social Causes	140				
	3. Academic Research/Scholarly Projects	100				
Total		1000				

The Final Decision of the Evaluation Committee

Initial Stage Evaluation Result:

Nominee qualifies for:

- Personal Interview
- A Certificate of Participation
- Another (Reason):

Evaluation Committee Members:

Name: Signature:

Name: Signature:

Approved by Committee Chairperson:

Name: Signature:

Final Stage (The Personal Interview) Evaluation Result:

Nominee qualifies for:

- The Distinguished Academic Student Award
- Certificate of Excellence
- Certificate of Participation
- Another (Reason):

Evaluation Committee Members:

Name: Signature:

Name: Signature:

Name: Signature:

Approved by Committee Chairperson:

Name: Signature:

1. Distinguished Personal Attributes (80 points)	Earned Points <input type="text"/>
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Self-Presentation: (80 points)

Enclose an audio-visual recording (maximum length of 5 minutes), in which you expressively and fluently introduce yourself, explain your past accomplishments you take pride in. Please also highlight how participating in different competitions and activities has profoundly influenced your personality, skills, experiences and inter-personal relationships.

Evidence Serial Number	<input type="text"/>
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No	Criterion	Points Allocated	Points Earned	
			1st Session	2nd Session
1	Clarity of Presentation	10		
2	Linguistic Fluency and Integrity	10		
3	Sense of Patriotism	10		
4	Cooperative Work	10		
5	Acquired Skills and Experiences	10		
6	Ambitions and Distinct Goals	10		
7	Plans to Accomplish Goals	10		
8	Organization and Progression of Ideas	10		
Total		80		

Note: Applicant should address those criteria in his/her speech.

2. Academic Competitions and Contests (100 points)	Earned Points
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This criterion looks at winning and/or high achievement positions obtained by student in various competitions and contests at the university, college or department level or other organizations in the community.

1. Outcomes of Academic Competitions and Contests (100 points)

Awarding Institution	Certificate/Award	Date	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
Other Organizations				25		
				25		
University				20		
				20		
College				15		
				15		
Department				10		
				10		
Total				100		

Note:

- Applicant may list all winning certificates, awards or advance positions he/she has acquired in academic competitions and contests; however, a maximum of 100 points will be awarded.
- "Other Organizations," may include community-wide organizations and international organizations inside and outside the UAE.
- Academic excellence or Certificates of Participation are not accepted; only WINNING credentials.

3. Self-Development (500 points)	Earned Points <input type="text"/>
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- This criterion refers to applicant's efforts in developing his/her hobbies and abilities leading to distinguished outcomes. Additionally, criterion looks at applicant's apparent contributions to associations, student unions, and scientific societies. It also encompasses applicant's participation in various scholarly activities such as specialized workshops, training courses and conferences that would enhance the applicant's talents, hobbies, and abilities.

1- Development of Hobbies and Abilities (120 points)

No	Hobby	Method of Development and Transformation into Abilities	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1		1- 2-		40		
2		1- 2-		40		
3		1- 2-		40		
Total				120		

Notes:

- Practicing a hobby means taking interest in practicing a certain form of art or activities of different genres during free time and not taken as a profession.
- Evidence to be listed in "Talent" criterion is not accepted in this category.
- Marks will be granted to actual practice of the hobby and its development methods not for mere statement of a hobby.

2. Development of Talents (180 points)

Specify your Talent:

A. Methods of developing the talent (80 points)

No	Method of Development	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
1			20		
2			20		
3			20		
4			20		
Total			80		

Notes:

- Talent is an outstanding performance in one or more perspective such as: mental ability, innovative and creative thinking, artistic skills and/or motor skills. These skillful dimensions should bear attributes of originality, flexibility and elaboration.
- Applicant should select one talent that is truly innate, continuous and has produced evident outcomes.
- Participating in different events and attending lectures, seminars and knowledge assemblies conventions and making purposeful visits are examples of talent development methods.
- Talent methods of development should be diverse and multiple.
- Internet-issued participation credentials are considered talent development methods not talent products unless granting organization is internationally.

B. Talent Outcomes (100 points)

No	Talent Outcomes	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
1			25		
2			25		
3			25		
4			25		
Total			100		

Note:

Distinction and achieving advanced winning positions should characterize talent outcomes, supported by showcasing student's outstanding works.

Participating in activities and attending training courses and forums, and field visits are considered talent development methods not talent outcomes.

3. Participation in Student Societies and Associations (100 points)

No	Student Associations and Societies	Most Significant Contributions	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1		1- 2-		20		
2		1- 2-		20		
3		1- 2-		20		
4		1- 2-		20		
5		1- 2-		20		
Total				100		

Notes:

- Applicant's participation in student associations, unions and clubs at the level of the department college, university and the community.
- Applicant must include his/her membership card in student associations and unions, or evidence of affiliation to student clubs and councils.
- Applicant must include evidence of his/her type of involvement and roles assumed in student associations, clubs and unions.

4. Workshops, Courses, Lectures, Forums and Conferences (100 points)

No	Activity	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
1			20		
2			20		
3			20		
4			20		
5			20		
Total			100		

Note: An activity may be courses, conferences, lectures, work papers, etc applicant may prepare, organize or present which enhance his/her personal development.

4. Distinguished Contributions and Additions (285 points)	Earned Points	
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This criterion explores the community-oriented contributions the applicant makes which illustrate his/her interest in getting involved. This criterion also looks at the extra ordinary contributions efforts applicant offers such as productive projects, pioneering research studies and creative ideas, all which would put him/her apart from peers.

1. Community Contributions (80 points)

No	Community Event	Type of Participation	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1				20		
2				20		
3				20		
4				20		
Total				80		

Notes:

- Community-Shared Events: religious, national, patriotic, cultural, artistic, sports, charity, voluntary or environmental.
- Applicant must provide strong and indicative proof of his/her participation in events (e.g. authenticated certificate/letters, audio/video recordings, expressive photos, products, etc).

2. Social Causes (140 points)

A college student is expected to have remarkable humanitarian and patriotic stands, and to get involved in causes that promote patriotism and illuminate the sense of national identity on both the personal and social levels such as: national identity preservation campaigns, charity campaigns, blood donation drives, inter-cultural respect and appreciation initiatives, environment protection and natural resources conservation projects and anti-drug/smoking sponsorships.

With reference to a cause or issue you adopted during the past 2 years, fill in the sub-criteria of information in the table below, illustrating the best results you have accomplished.

Cause:

No	Criterion	Illustration	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1	Cause Introduction	✓ ✓		40		
2	Efforts Exerted on Cause	✓ ✓		40		
3	Personal Skills and Benefits Acquired and Benefactors	✓ ✓		30		
4	Creativity and Innovation	✓ ✓		10		
5	Results Accomplished at University/Community levels	✓ ✓		20		
Total				140		

Notes:

- The undertaken cause should continue for a minimum of two weeks to be taken into account.
- Creativity and innovation are valued when student presents new, unique, out of the ordinary (concept, execution, approaches, etc).
- Higher scores are given to individual work.

3. Academic Research / Scholarly Projects (100 points)

Research or Project Title:	Evidence Serial Number

No	Criterion	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
			Stage 1	Stage 2
1	Significance of research or project	20		
2	Goals	20		
3	Procedures	20		
4	Results	20		
5	Language and Organization	20		
Total		100		

Notes:

- Applicant attaches the research he/she perceives as distinguished per the fore-stated criteria. Research paper should be written in accordance with scientific research writing principles. Research proven to contain “plagiarized” text or content copied off hard copy material or the internet will be disregarded.
- For a group project/research, the participant must attach a letter of consent signed by all study partners, also illustrating the role of each participant in the research/project.
- Individually conducted research/project will receive higher points.

References

At the time of filling out the electronic application form applicant should include contact information for 2 of his/her professors for communication with the Foundation Administration.

- Professor 1:
- Professor 2: