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



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About the Foundation

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance of the U.A.E. believes in human capital and pays special attention to education as an engine for human activity, from the functions of which is to maintain balance, harmonize the high humanitarian values system and taking a free go towards knowledge, science, and human evolution. This triggered His Highness to announce his declaration in 1998 concerning the establishment of an Educational Award. Later in 2018 , His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid AL Maktoum , Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, issued a decree that states the transition of the Award into a Foundation entitled: Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for the Distinguished Academic Performance, targeting Educational excellence and the sponsorship of giftedness and innovation, to improve educational performance at all levels and sectors, honouring all groups and relevant authorities in the education sector and institutions, as well as the individuals who provide outstanding achievements and creations.

Definitions

- Prize cycle: The time from the start of the participation process to the announcement of results.
- Performance evaluation: reviewing student performance according to specific criteria.
- Participation Request Form: The attached form on the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance - Distinguished Student Category - whereby the student wishing to participate must read the required requirements, and then submit the application electronically.
- Evidence: It can be any sort of proof such as certificates, photos, and audiovisual tapes expressing actual participation.
- Talent: is an outstanding performance of the individual, and it appears in one or more of the following dimensions: mental ability, creativity, technical skills, and motion skills, and these dimensions must be characterized by originality, flexibility, and details.
- Hobbies: are artistic or recreational activity undertaken during leisure time that is not practiced as a profession.
- Community occasions events: religious, national, sports, cultural, artistic, charitable, voluntary, and environmental events the student can participate in.
- Issues: People with a vision and a mission conceive noble goals which they turn into reality by introducing innovative solutions and ideas in adopting the issues.
- Creativity and innovation: Every innovative student is taken into consideration, whether it is within the scope of the idea and implementation procedures, or related to the topic.

General Guidelines

Every student 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.
- Should not been winner of (Distinguished Academic Student) before.

Applying for the Prize

- All application forms and all enclosures should be filled out electronically through: <http://tahkeem.ha.ae> before the set deadline on 15th October 2020.

Evidence and Attachments

- Higher scores are given to evidence conveying stronger proof.
- In case you want to add essential details or necessary elaboration of your efforts, please enclose it as an attachment.
- All documents provided will be the property of the Foundation.
- All enclosed evidence should be of activities conducted in the past three years other than the year of application.
- Please retain all documents exceeding the pre-set sizes and make available if and when requested by the evaluation committee.
- All enclosed documents should be dated, signed, and stamped.
- It is recommended to diversify evidence issuing entities.
- Higher scores are given to diversified sources of evidence.
- The maximum number of attachments to the application form is 100 pages. A maximum of 2 attachments may be placed on 1 page; unclear attachments will be excluded from evaluation.

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				

First Criterion: Distinguished Personal Attributes

(80 points)

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.

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

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		

Second Criterion: Academic Competitions and Contest

(100 points)

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.

Notes:

- 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.

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		

Third Criterion: Self-Development

(500 points)

- 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)

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.

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		

2. Development of Talents (180 points)

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.

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		

B. Talent Outcomes (100 points)

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.

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

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

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.

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		

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

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

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		

Fourth Criterion: Distinguished Contributions and Additions

(320 points)

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)

Notes:

- Community occasions events: religious, national, sports, cultural, artistic, charitable, voluntary, and environmental events the student can participate in.
- 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).

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		

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.

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.

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		

3. Academic Research / Scholarly Projects (100 points)

Notes:

- Please consider the following criteria: the importance of the research or project, state the objectives, procedures, results, language and organization.
- 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.

Research or Project Title:
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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		

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: