



Distinguished Student (6-12) Nomination Form

Cycle 23

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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 (G6 to G12) student currently enrolled in school inside the UAE that is accredited by government and other official bodies can apply for the award.

- Public education including government schools, applied technology, vocational and religious institutes
- Private education schools

Incentives and Rewards

- Winner will receive a financial reward of AED 30,000, a Certificate of Appreciation, and an Excellence Trophy.
- A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to participants receiving a minimum of 80% of allocated marks.
- A Certificate of Participation is awarded to participants receiving a minimum of 50% of allocated marks.

Participation Conditions

- The student should be enrolled in school for the current academic year in grades 3-5.
- The student should be a top student and should submit academic certificates for **the last three previous years other than the year of applying for the Award**.
 - In the case of numerical system certificates, the student should have a minimum percentage of 90% in each subject course individually, as well as in each academic year.
 - In the case of letter grading system certificates, the student should obtain the highest grade according to the grading system of each school in each subject course individually, as well as in each academic year.
- A minimum of 2 Awards cycles should have passed in addition to the current cycle since the applicant has won the Distinguished Student Award (e.g. a winner in cycle 20 may apply in cycle 23).

(GCC students): In addition to previous conditions:

- Only high school (G 10, 11, 12) students may apply for this Award. Winner of this Award may not re-apply.
- Applicant must be a GCC national.

Applying for the prize

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

GCC Applicant:

- Application form should be submitted directly to the Foundation coordinator in applicant's country.

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.
- Evidence issued by schools or private institutes or centers is valued at school level.
- 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.

Please print the Avowal and attach it to your electronic application

Avowal

I, student.....

do 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 Foundation Administration has the right to take necessary measures. Furthermore, I attest that I have read all instructions & conditions of applying for the Award, wherein I will abide by all the formerly mentioned guidelines.

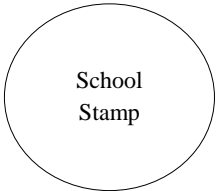
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Endorsement

Name:

Signature:

Date: / /



Nominee Personal Information:



Name (as shown on passport):

Nationality: **Gender:** Male Female **Birth Date:** / /

Grade: **Section:**

School/Center:

Educational Zone:

Type of Education: Private Government Institute of Art Institute of Applied Technology

Nominee Contact Information:

Emirate: **City:**

House Tel#: **Guardian's Mobile #:**

Email:

School/Center Contact Information:

Emirate: **City:** **Area/Street:**

Phone: **Fax:** **P.O Box:**

Mobile: **Email:**

Website:

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

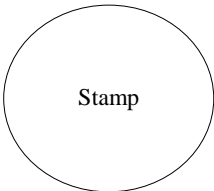
Yes No Result (.....) Cycle (.....)

Endorsement

Ministry of Education (For GCC Applicants)

Name:

Signature:



Evaluation Criteria

Main Criterion	Secondary Criteria	Allocated Points	Earned Points			
			Stage 1	Main Criterion Total	Stage 2	Main Criterion Total
1. Academic Distinction (100 points)	Excellence and Appreciation Certificates	100				
2. Leadership Qualities (340 points)	1. Fluency and Self-Expression	100				
	2. Issues	120				
	3. Impacting Others	120				
3. Talents and Hobbies (330 points)	1. Talents	210				
	2. Hobbies and Abilities	120				
4. Contributions, Activities and Contests (230 points)	1. Participation in Events	100				
	2. Competitions and Contests	130				
Total		1000				

First Criterion: Academic Distinction

(100 points)

Notes:

Maximum Number of Certificates:

- Ministry / Zone: 2 Maximum.
- School: 2 Maximum.
- Classroom: 3 Maximum.
- The maximum number of certificates to be considered is 3, wherein the total points add up to 100.

Awarded by	Name of Certificate and Date of Issue	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
Ministry/Zone			50		
			50		
School			50		
			50		
Classroom			30		
			30		
			30		
Total			100		

Second Criterion: Leadership Qualities

(340 points)

(1) Fluency and Self-expression: (100 points)

Enclose video recording (maximum length of 5 minutes), in which you expressively and fluently introduce yourself, fulfilling the following criterion:

No	Criterion	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
			Stage 1	Stage 2
1	Clarity and Adequacy of Self-Introduction	20		
2	Patriotic Pride (National and UAE)	10		
3	Commitment to National Identity (Attitude and Appearance)	15		
4	Fluency and Correct Use of Language	15		
5	Future Ambitions; Reasons Behind These Aspirations	10		
6	Planning for Goal Achievement	10		
7	Purpose of Participating in the Award	10		
8	Proper Sequence and Organization of Presented Thoughts	10		
Total		100		

(2) Issues (120 points):

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.

Write about one humanitarian issue you embraced which had a long-term impact (within the last three years), explaining your roles and the most significant results you accomplished

Notes:

- To fulfill duration condition, student must provide evidence that efforts undertaken have extended over an appropriate period (a minimum of 2 weeks).
- Creativity and innovation are valued when ideas and methods used are unique and out-of-the-ordinary.
- If work on the issue involved a group effort, student must provide proof of his/her effective individual role.

The Issue:

No	Criterion	Details	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1	Efforts exerted in highlighting issue	- -		40		
2	Results accomplished at the level of school/community	- -		30		
3	personal skills, gained benefits, and benefitting parties	- -		30		
5	Creativity and Innovation	-		10		
6	Duration and Continuity	-		10		
Total				120		

(3) Impacting Others (120 points):

List teams, councils and student groups, at grade level, school/center, educational zone and in the community, where you had/are having effective roles (e.g. Class Councils, Scout Teams, Extra-Curricular Activity Groups, etc).

Notes:

- The student must enclose proofs of his / her membership in the teams and councils, and the evidences of his/her achievements
- Photos are not considered proof of the leading tasks contributed to listed teams, councils or groups.

No	Teams and Councils	Most significant activities	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		

Third Criterion: Talents and Hobbies

(330 points)

(1) Talents (210 points)

Notes:

- 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.
- The talent must be individual, not a group talent.
- Enclose evidence of various methods of talent development (e.g. training, performing, subscribing, etc); a repeated method of development will not be considered. Talent development evidence should be used only for this category; evidence for hobbies and abilities are not valid for talent.
- For outcomes, enclose evidence of winning, distinction or high achievement in competitions. “Non-Highly-Ranked” participation will not be regarded as talent outcome.
- Participating in activities, taking part in performances, attending conferences and symposia, etc are all considered methods of developing talents, not talent outcomes.
- Talent outcomes should be varied; scoring the same kind of win at different times is considered one type of achievement (e.g. winning an elocution contest for three years is counted as 1 outcome not 3).
- Internet-issued certificates will be considered talent development methods, not outcomes unless issuing entity is internationally credited.

State your talent (one talent only):

(A) Methods of Developing the Talent (90 points)

No	Method	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
1			30		
2			30		
3			30		
Total			90		

(B) Talent Outcomes 120 points)

No	Talent Outcome	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earner Points	
				Stage 1	Stage 2
1			40		
2			40		
3			40		
Total			120		

(2) Hobbies and Abilities (120 points)

Students should illustrate the hobbies with which he/she occupy his/her free time and that contribute to his/her abilities in different fields.

Notes:

- Hobbies are artistic or recreational activity undertaken during leisure time that is not practiced as a profession
- Evidence presented for talent category should not be presented again for hobbies
- Points will be given to actual practice of hobby and ways of development, not for naming the hobby
- Photos are not considered evidence of practicing the hobby
- Trips and travel are not considered as hobbies
- Hobby development methods must be diverse.

No	Hobby	Methods of Hobby Development and Ways of Their 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		

Fourth Criterion: Contributions and Distinguished Contests

(230 points)

(1) Participating in events (100 points)

Enclose authentic & live proofs (such as pictures, audio and video recordings, participation-associated products) of actual participation in national/patriotic, athletic, artistic/cultural, charity/volunteer and environmental events and activities.

Notes:

- Student should enclose evidence of these contributions different from any evidence used in “Talents and Hobbies” category.
- Student should contribute to events and/or activities are of a constant periodical or annual occurrence.
- Student must enclose a brief description of event or contribution if it took place abroad.
- Pictures are not considered proof of participation in events if they weren't greatly expressive of event.
- An event may be classified as “International”, whether taking place inside the UAE or abroad, if it is of a genuinely international nature (e.g. Olympics, UN sponsored activity, Continental exhibition, etc) where its participants gather from abroad for the sole purpose of the event.
- For higher scores, student should seek participation in higher-level events (e.g. educational zone rather than school, ministry rather than educational zone, etc).

A. National/Patriotic: (20 points)

Title of Event or Activity	Participation Date	Evidence Serial Number	Level of Participation									
			International (20)		Ministry/Community (15)		Educational Zone (10)		School (5)			
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2		
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Allocated Points	20		Earned Points									

B. Athletic: (20 points)

Title of Event or Activity	Participation Date	Evidence Serial Number	Level of Participation									
			International (20)		Ministry/Community (15)		Educational Zone (10)		School (5)			
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2		
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Allocated Points	20		Earned Points									

C. Artistic and Cultural: (20 points)

Title of Event or Activity	Participation Date	Evidence Serial Number	Level of Participation									
			International (20)		Ministry/Community (15)		Educational Zone (10)		School (5)			
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2		
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Allocated Points	20		Earned Points									

D. Charity and Volunteer Work: (20 points)

Title of Event or Activity	Participation Date	Evidence Serial Number	Level of Participation									
			International (20)		Ministry/Community (15)		Educational Zone (10)		School (5)			
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2		
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Allocated Points	20		Earned Points									

E. Environmental Activities: (20 points)

Title of Event or Activity	Participation Date	Evidence Serial Number	Level of Participation									
			International (20)		Ministry/Community (15)		Educational Zone (10)		School (5)			
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2		
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Allocated Points	20		Earned Points									

(2) Competitions and Contests: (130 points)

Applicant must enclose proof of scoring a win or accomplishing an advanced position or obtaining a reward in competitions and contests. A certificate of participation will not be considered.

Notes:

- Certificates of academic excellence are not accepted in this category
- A maximum of 2 certificates will be valued for a total of 130 points.
- Higher marks will be awarded to first position wins.

Awarded by	Certificate or Award	Award/ Certificate Date	Evidence Serial Number	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
Ministry and other bodies				65		
				65		
Educational Zone				45		
				45		
School/Center				35		
				35		
Total				130		

References

At the time of filling out this electronic application form, please include the contact information for the following personnel for further query:

Public and Private Education:

- School Principal
- Teacher 1
- Teacher 2