

# ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT) EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA) 2019

## **Introduction**

The Edusave Character Award (ECHA) is introduced by Ministry of Education 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 in order to broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

## **Objectives and Guiding Principles**

The objectives of the ECHA are:

- 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.

## **Quota of Awards**

The ECHA maximum quota will be capped at 2% of the total enrolment of Singaporean students in the school.

The ECHA is open to students from all levels.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

The ECHA is meant to recognise and affirm students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. Students must satisfy the following eligibility criteria before they can be awarded the ECHA:

All nominees for the ECHA must fulfill the following criteria :

- Is a Singapore Citizen.
- Has good disciplinary records.
- Is regular in his / her attendance in school.
- Is responsible in submitting quality work on time.
- Is committed in attending his / her CCA.
- Is involved in school-based or student-initiated Values In Action (VIA).
- Is a role model in his / her conduct and attitude.
- Upholds the core purpose, mission & vision of the school.
- Demonstrates school values (SHIELD) :

## **Selection Process**

The selection process will constitute the following stages:

1. Nomination : There is a broad-based nomination process in place to accept nomination from students, parents, teachers and other key stakeholders who interact with students.
2. Shortlisting : A structured process is instituted to shortlist students from the pool of nominees. The shortlisting of nominees will be conducted by a panel chaired by the ECHA committee made up of the school's Deans and Directors. The panel will solicit feedback from different key stakeholders.
3. Endorsement : The validation and endorsement of the ECHA awardees will be conducted by a panel chaired by either the Principal or Deputy-Principal, and is independent of the shortlisting panel.

## **Receiving Multiple Edusave Awards**

Currently, students may receive only one Edusave academic award (i.e. Edusave Scholarship, the Edusave Merit Bursary or the Good Progress Award). Students may also receive the Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) in addition to an Edusave academic award. With the introduction of the ECHA, deserving students will be allowed to receive the ECHA in addition to an Edusave academic award and/or the EAGLES award, i.e. a student can receive up to a maximum of 3 Edusave awards.

## **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, depending on the level of study:

<b>Levels</b>	<b>Award Quantum</b>
Primary 1 to 3	\$200
Primary 4 to 6	\$350
Secondary 1 to 5, Pre-U 1 to 3	\$500

## **Presentation of Award**

ECHA will be given out at the community level, together with the Edusave Scholarships, Edusave Merit Bursaries, Good Progress Awards and EAGLES.