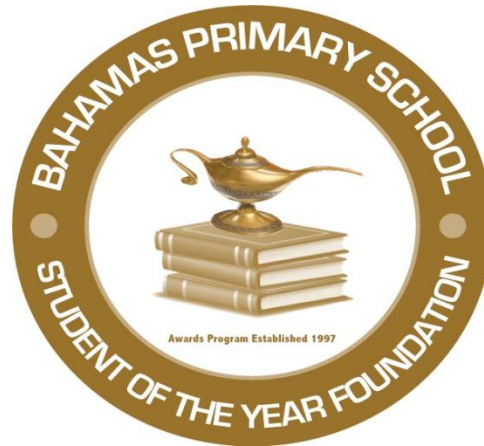


Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation



RECOMMENDED PRINCIPAL GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING YOUR STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program

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**BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOUNDATION
2011 BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

The Application Requirements

- (a) A completed application form
- (b) A 400 word essay on the topic:

“The Power of My Dream”

The essay must be legibly hand written in black or blue ink.

Essays must be the student’s original work and must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright laws.

- (c) An essay which was submitted and graded as a part of the applicant’s school requirement **must be** attached to the application package. (5th or 6th grade only)
- (d) Copies of official report cards (covering 4th, 5th & 6th grades only)
- (e) Three headshot colour photographs (These photos are for the newspapers, website and souvenir awards booklet.) Photos will not be returned. **(Preferable choice of attire: school uniform)**
- (f) Newspaper clippings / copies of awards & certificates (covering 4th, 5th & 6th grades only)
- (g) Three (3) letters of recommendation:
 - (1) School Principal / Vice-Principal (The letter from the Principal / Vice-Principal officially nominates the student for this award. **Please note that any application missing this letter will automatically be disqualified.;**
 - (2) Classroom teacher / civic or community leader / former teacher;
 - (3) Religious leader / extra-curricular coach (ie. Sports or Dance).
- (h) The above items should be neatly attached to a portfolio or folder.
- (i) The portfolio / folder is limited to a maximum of 50 leaflet pages (using both sides) and should not be larger than 10 x 12. The nominee is requested to adhere to these requirements.

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Each private, independent and public school in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands are invited to participate in the 15th Annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program which will be held in May 2011. Application forms are now available.

For the purpose of selecting the student who best represents the respective school, Principals will be encouraged to appoint a Student of the Year committee for the purpose of **identifying one (1) student** to be selected as the school's Student of the Year Nominee.

The nominee should be chosen by a process utilizing faculty input, school selection committee evaluation and The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year guidelines and procedures for the Awards Program. The process is intended to recognize a student who satisfies the requirements of the National program and exemplifies qualities that make the student a positive representative for his or her school.

Nomination

Principals will ask school administrators and faculty members to nominate in writing a sixth grade student for the honor of school Student of the Year. Schools are encouraged to have a process to select from among the BEST and BRIGHTEST students in the sixth grade for the honour of 2011 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year.

Nominations should be based on:

- outstanding academic record;
- commitment which goes beyond the call of duty and firm character;
- being sociable and well behaved on campus and in life;
- campus, community and civic activities;
- church or sporting activities;
- awards, honours and recognitions; and
- service/citizenship.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to the school principal by the deadline announced by the principal.

Selection

Each year the school principal is encouraged to appoint a school Student of the Year selection committee comprised of:

- the principal, who serves as a voting participant and chairperson;
- the school guidance counselor;
- at least three or no more than five other faculty members at the school who have had most opportunity to know sixth grade students during their years as students at the school (these individuals can include the Vice-Principal, fourth and fifth grade teachers, Resource Teachers, librarian, etc.).

The selection committee will select the school Student of the Year from the nominees submitted to the principal, using a proper evaluation guidelines established by the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation.

Principals are encouraged to notify the winning student and provide him or her with the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation guidelines and application packet prior to end of school for Christmas holidays. All completed application forms and portfolios must be submitted to the Foundation on or before Friday, February 11th, 2011 – 5pm EST.

Principals are encouraged to advise the nominee and the parents that this is a national competition and the nominee will be competing against students from private and public schools around The Bahamas.

Recognizing Your Nominee

Schools are encouraged to hold a special assembly or other events to properly recognize all the students who were considered for the school's nomination and the student nominated to represent the school in the Awards Ceremony.