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THE BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOUNDATION LAUNCHES THE SEARCH FOR THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST!

Nassau, Bahamas – The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation is proud to announce the launch of its search for the **BEST and BRIGHTEST** primary school students in The Bahamas as part of the **2026 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program**.

Established in 1997, this premier national recognition program continues to celebrate the excellence, leadership, and achievements of outstanding Bahamian primary school students. In 2026, the Foundation will recognize **over one hundred (100)** exceptional students—representing thousands across the country—for their **academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and community contributions**.

Each duly registered private and public primary school is encouraged to take advantage of this **golden opportunity** to have their top student featured among **“The Who’s Who in Primary Education.”**

The **2026 Official Application Form** and all accompanying documents are now available on the Foundation’s website: www.bahamaspstoy.org.

The deadline for submission of the completed application package is Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. (EST). Schools, parents, and nominees are strongly encouraged to submit applications early to ensure they arrive before the deadline. By submitting an application, all parties agree to abide by the official **guidelines of the Awards Program**.

All nominees will be **featured in the Commemorative Souvenir Journal** and **highlighted on the Foundation’s website**. By participating, nominees and their parents’ consent to the publication of their accomplishments by the Foundation.

“Honouring The Who’s Who in Primary Schools”

Portfolio Guidelines

Please note that for 2026, portfolios must strictly adhere to the following requirements:

- **NO** mechanical apparatus
- **NO** three-dimensional projects
- **NO** pop-ups or pull-outs
- **WEIGHT RESTRICTION:** 10 lbs maximum
- **PAGE LIMIT:** 50 pages (using both sides of a sheet counts as one page)

Only **one professionally bound presentation** is allowed—no flash drives, CDs, or electronic devices. The **original essay, transcripts, and letters of reference** should be included in a separate folder or envelope accompanying the portfolio.

Any **deviation from these guidelines** will result in the **portfolio being returned and the nominee disqualified**.

Selection Process and Criteria

An **Independent Distinguished Panel of Judges** will review all application packages and determine the overall winner and finalists. **The decision of the judges is final.**

Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to school life
- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular involvement
- Community service
- Overall presentation and quality of the portfolio

Nominees will compete for **scholarships and prizes**, which must be used for **secondary education purposes only**.

Eligibility

The contest is **open to all 6th Grade students** enrolled in accredited private, public, or independent primary schools in New Providence and the Family Islands. **Each school must be registered with the National Accreditation and Equivalency Council of The Bahamas (NAECOB) and may nominate only one (1) student.**

Additional Notes

The Foundation will **not be responsible** for application packages that are late, lost, illegible, damaged, or incorrectly addressed. All submissions become the **property of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation** and will **not be returned**. Parents are encouraged to keep a personal copy of all documents submitted.