



2023 BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR Official Application Form

Looking for the BEST & BRIGHTEST Primary School Students

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual nationwide search is currently being conducted for the best primary school students. This prestigious competition that was established in 1997 will recognize young, talented grade 6 students from throughout The Bahamas for their high scholastic and extra-curricular achievements in the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program.

Important Information

Application forms will be considered incomplete and subject to rejection, if any sections of the application requirements are missing.

An independent Distinguished Panel of Judges will review application packages received and determine the overall winner and finalists. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**

Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: contribution to school life, academic achievement, extra-curricular achievement, community involvement and overall presentation of the portfolio submitted. **(Academic achievement alone does not guarantee placement in the Awards program.)**

Nominees will be competing for scholarships and prizes. All scholarships must be used for Bahamian secondary education purposes only.

The contest is opened to any 6th Grade Student regardless of colour, creed, nationality or religious affiliation from any accredited private, public or independent primary school in The Bahamas. **The school must be registered with the National Accreditation and Equivalency Council (NAECOB).**

EACH SCHOOL CAN NOMINATE ONLY ONE (1) STUDENT. STUDENT MUST BE NOMINATED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL.

The deadline for submission of completed application packages for the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year will be Friday, February 3rd, 2023 at 4:00pm EST. The Foundation will not be responsible for application packages which are late, lost, illegible, damaged, or incorrectly addressed. **All packages submitted will become the property of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

The Application Requirements

- (a) A completed application form
- (b) **A 500 word essay** on the topic: “In the year 2023 The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will celebrate 50 years of independence. If you were chosen to be a part of the planning committee for the independence celebration what ideas would you bring to the table for the youth of The Bahamas to feel a part of the celebrations? ”

The essay must be legibly handwritten 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 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades only)**
- (e) **Two (2) high quality headshot colour 4 x 6 photographs** (These photos are for the newspapers, website and souvenir awards booklet.) Photos will not be returned. **(Student attire: school uniform) Photos must be labelled with the nominee’s name and school on the back of them.**
- (f) Newspaper clippings / copies of awards & certificates **(covering 3rd, 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) **Nominee must have documented proof of length of participation in each organization listed on the application form;**
- (i) The above items should be neatly attached to a portfolio or folder. **If your portfolio that is bonded, the original application form and essays must be enclosed.**
- (j) The portfolio / folder is limited to a maximum of 50 leaflet pages **(using both sides will be considered 1 page)** and **should not be larger than 12 x 12**. The nominee is requested to adhere to these requirements. **(Points will be deducted for portfolio / folder not following the guidelines outlined.)**
- (k) **200 – 250 word statement** on “Why I should be selected as the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year?
- (l) Assessment of \$50.00 (One (1) Student of the Year T-Shirt and one (1) DVD Set of the Medal Presentation & Awards Ceremony)



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Please legibly write or type all information requested. Application packages will be rated on appearance, verifiability of information, clarity, and evidence of achievements. **Application packages missing any required items or arriving after the February 3rd, 2023 deadline would be disqualified.**

DATE: _____
(Office use only)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ Island: _____

Home Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Telephone Contact: _____ Cell _____ hm.

Email Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Telephone Contact: _____ Cell _____ hm.

Email Address: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Primary School: _____ Grade: _____

Postal Address: _____ Island: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Grade Six Teacher: _____

AWARDS & HONOURS

Awards, Certificates & Honours:

List all campus / sporting organizations (include office(s) held): **(Please provide proof of the length of participation in each organization listed)**

List all civic / community / religious organizations (include office(s) held): **(Please provide proof of the length of participation in each organization listed)**

GUIDELINES – APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT THE PARENT / GURADIAN INTIALS BELOW

The applicant’s Parent/Guardian MUST initial the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Application Form Guidelines listed below;

Nominees will be competing for scholarships and prizes. All scholarships **must be used for Bahamian secondary, high school education purposes only.** This includes tuition and examination fees, books and educational equipment which will be limited to computers only. _____

The scholarship must be used within **one year from the date of the award.** _____

All award packages submitted will become the property of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and **will not be returned.** _____

The information in this package is accurate and represents the true efforts and achievements of the nominee. _____

Parents and nominees acknowledge that EACH CANDIDATE comes equally qualified to be a nominee in the Awards Program and will be reviewed based on their merit. _____

Parents and nominees accept that packages received will be reviewed by an independent Distinguished Panel of Judges to determine the overall winner and finalists. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.** _____

By entering this Awards program, parents and nominees agree to be bound by these rules and consent to the use of the nominee’s name and likeness in any public relations effort of The Foundation. _____

Please note that this year, portfolios will have to adhere to the following guidelines: NO MECHANICAL APPARATUS; NO THREE DIMENSIONAL PROJECTS; WEIGHT RESTRICTION 10 LBS and NO POP UPS AND PULL OUTS (50 pages Maximum – Using both sides of the sheet is considered 1 Page) _____

SIGNATURES

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal/Vice-Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please note that the above signatures are required for the form to be complete. The signatures verifies that they are aware of the requirements for the award.)

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST – PLEASE ENSURE EACH BOX IS TICKED**

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- B A 500 Word Essay: “In the year 2023 The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will celebrate 50 years of independence. If you were chosen to be a part of the planning committee for the independence celebration what ideas would you bring to the table for the youth of The Bahamas to feel a part of the celebrations? ”
- Legibly hand written in black or blue ink.**
- C An Essay written and graded as a part of a classroom requirement for the nominee from Grade 5 or Grade 6:
- D Copies of official transcripts for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6:
- E Two (2) high quality headshot photographs. School uniform:
Please ensure that the nominee’s name and school is on the photo.
- F Three (3) letters of reference written on behalf of the nominee (**one must be that of the school’s Principal or Vice Principal**):
- G Documented proof of length of participation in each organization listed on the application form:
- H Newspaper or magazine clippings or Certificates of Achievements:
- I Parent / Guardian Initials on page 6:
- J Signature of the Nominee, Parent and Principal or Vice-Principal on page 6:
- K Application package in a folder or portfolio no larger than 12 x 12:
(Points will be deducted for portfolio / folder that are larger than 12 x 12 – Please ensure that you have adhered to the 2021 Portfolio Guidelines listed on the last page of the application.
- L 200 – 250 Word Statement “Why I should be selected as the 2023 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year?
- M Assessment of \$50.00

NOTE: Family Island Nominees MUST include 2023 Travel Form with Application Form

ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE HAND DELIVERED OR SENT VIA COURIER TO ANY OF THE ADDRESSES BELOW ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2023 – 4:00pm, EST

Hand Delivery or Courier:

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President & CEO
Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation
c/o P. O. Box N-8059
Nassau, Bahamas
242-477-7869 - cell



Dr. Cindy Dorsett
Vice-President of Operations
Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation
c/o Poinciana Medical Center
Poinciana Drive next to Wilmac Pharmacy
242-322-8206

Mr. Vaughn L. Culmer
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Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation
c/o Vaughn L. Culmer & Assoc.
#7 Rosetta Street
242-356-0159

NOTE: GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023 PORTFOLIOS

Please note that this year, portfolios will have to adhere to the following guidelines: NO MECHANICAL APPARATUS; NO THREE DIMENSIONAL PROJECTS; WEIGHT RESTRICTION 10 LBS and NO POP UPS AND PULL OUTS

School submitting packages from Grand Bahama and the Family Islands are requested to allocate time for the package to arrive prior to the deadline.