

THE BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOUNDATION®

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Dear Principal,

The **Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation** is proud to announce the official search for the **2026 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Nominees** — to be a part of the nation's premier recognition of **academic excellence, leadership, and community service** among our brightest achievers.

We are extending a special invitation to all **duly registered primary schools with the Ministry of Education and the National Accreditation and Equivalency Council of The Bahamas (NAECOB) to nominate one (1) outstanding Grade Six student** to represent your school in this prestigious national awards program.

Since its establishment in **1997**, the Awards Program has celebrated **over 3,200 outstanding students** across The Bahamas, recognizing those who exemplify the highest ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service. This year, more than **100 nominees** from public and private schools across our islands will once again expected to be recognized as the **“Best and Brightest”** of their generation.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, in partnership with the **Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council**—the local coalition of fraternities and sororities—launched this program to celebrate the academic achievements and community commitment of Bahamian primary school students. Together, we continue to inspire a culture of excellence and national pride among our youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRINCIPALS

Please review the following key details governing the **2026 Awards Program**:

- Official Documents:** All official guidelines, forms, and correspondence are available on our website: www.bahamaspstoy.org
- Administrator Communication:** Each school is encouraged to have its principal or administrator added to the **Student of the Year Administrators' WhatsApp Group** for timely updates. Please send the principal's name, school name, and contact number to **477-7869** or email **bahamaspstoy@gmail.com** with the subject line: *Principal WhatsApp Group*.

“Honouring The Who's Who in Primary Schools”

3. **Electronic Application Access:** Schools may request the **2026 Electronic Application Package** by emailing bahamaspstoy@gmail.com.
4. **Submission Deadline:** All completed applications and portfolios must be received by **Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. No extensions will be granted.** Please allow ample time for delivery.
5. **Portfolio Guidelines:**
 - No mechanical apparatus
 - No three-dimensional projects
 - No gadgets on the cover
 - No pop-ups or pull-outs in the portfolios (this include the letters of recommendations)
 - **Maximum weight: 10 lbs (points will be deducted for portfolios not meeting this criteria)**
 - Maximum of 50 pages (using both sides counts as one page) *Any deviation from these guidelines will result in disqualification.* Portfolios must clearly reflect the **authentic work of the student.**

NOMINATION EXPECTATIONS

Your school's nominee will represent the **Best and Brightest** from your institution, district, and island. This nomination is a moment of great pride and accomplishment—one that should be celebrated regardless of the competition's outcome.

Please remind students and parents that:

- Each nominee is already a **winner** simply by being selected.
- Judging is conducted by an **independent, distinguished panel** external to the Foundation.
- **Social media engagement, fundraising, or popularity** will not influence the results.

2026 MEDAL PRESENTATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

The Foundation is planning a **weekend of celebration** on **May 19th and 20th, 2026**, culminating in the Medal Presentation and Awards Ceremony. Further details will be shared once confirmed.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at **(242) 477-7869** or **Foundation Chairman Mr. Vandyke Pratt at (242) 477-2779.**

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us recognize and celebrate our nation's **young leaders, achievers, and future nation builders.** We look forward to receiving your school's nomination and to another year of celebrating excellence in education.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO