

THE BAHAMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOUNDATION®

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the **Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation**, congratulations on your child's selection as a **nominee for the 2026 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program!** This is a tremendous honor and a reflection of your child's hard work, discipline, leadership, and excellence. Your child will be among **over 100 of the nation's most outstanding primary school students** competing for the prestigious title of **2026 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year**.

We are delighted to have your child participate in this signature national recognition program, and we ask that you please review and keep the following important information for your reference:

1) Nomination

Your child's nomination places them among the **BEST & BRIGHTEST** from their school, district, and island. This alone is an extraordinary accomplishment worthy of celebration.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to **commend and motivate your child**—reminding them that simply being nominated is already a mark of distinction.

Please note that the **Distinguished Panel of Judges** is the *only* group authorized to review and assess the portfolios. We urge parents to focus less on competition or placement and more on the **experience, growth, and pride of participation**. Every nominee is already a **winner** in their own right.

2) Application Process

Parents are strongly encouraged to **begin preparing the portfolio immediately** upon receiving this letter. All completed applications and portfolios must be **submitted no later than Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Please note that **late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

"Honouring The Who's Who in Primary Schools"

3) Judging Process

The evaluation process is conducted by an **independent and impartial panel of judges** external to the Foundation. Selection of the winners is based *solely* on the content and presentation of the **portfolio submitted**. Please note that **advertisement sales, social media engagement (likes or shares), or promotional activities** do *not* influence judging outcomes.

4) Medal Presentation & Awards Ceremony

The Foundation is tentatively planning the **Medal Presentation and Awards Ceremony** for the weekend of **May 19th and May 20th, 2026**. Further details will be provided once all arrangements are confirmed.

Nominee Attire: School uniform.

We anticipate a weekend of celebration, national pride, and recognition of our young scholars' exceptional accomplishments.

5) Airline Travel

The Foundation will cover the **airline travel** for nominees from **Grand Bahama and the Family Islands**. Our team is coordinating directly with the relevant airlines to facilitate these arrangements. Should you experience any challenges, please contact **Dr. Cindy Dorsett** at westernclose@yahoo.com.

When emailing, kindly use the subject line format: **Nominee Name – Island**.

Please note that **accommodation and transportation within New Providence** remain the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

6) Media Appearance

Nominees will be featured on the Foundation's **official social media platforms** and in various **national media outlets**. We will notify you in advance of any scheduled features so you can celebrate and share these moments of pride.

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

We are honored to celebrate your child's achievements and look forward to a rewarding and memorable journey throughout the 2026 Awards Program.

Sincerely,



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