

Nomination for the Best Student leading to Minister's Award GUIDELINES

Aim:

To identify two students, one each for “**Under-12**” and “**Over-12**” years of age which according to **Minister's Award**” nominations in their age category. The cut-off date for the age will be as specified by the Community Languages Program

The students selected under this process will also be awarded “**Best Students**” awards by TSCH (*Tamil Study Centre Homebush*)

Method:

1. All eligible students year 3 to year 12 will be given information and application forms for the selection. Class Teacher will select maximum five (5) students from the application for further assessment from each class.
2. Selection Committee will assess the provided application of each student of the application forms to prepare a shortlist of candidates for consideration in each age group.
3. Teachers Comment to be considered in the assessment.
4. As the final step in this process, the Selection Committee will make recommendations to the executive committee for an approval. **The two selected students will receive 'Best Student of the Year'** awards in their age group and these awards will be presented at the '**Annual KalaiVizha**'. The Runners-up will be kept in reserve.
5. When the Minister's Award nominations are considered, if the selected “Best Student” has left the school, the runner-up in that age group will be considered for nomination.
6. Applicants have to hand over immediate four years information to the committee for final assessment. The selection committee use only immediate three years information for the assessment. If two students become tie the forth year result will be used to eliminate the tie students.
7. The BAND or DIVISION marks will be used for evaluation of the students. This can be obtained from the school records.
8. A student will not to be considered for assessment if he or she
 - has received a Minister's Award nomination in previous years, or
 - has poor attendance in class in that year (this will be dealt in detail later in the application form)
 - has not been a student of TSCH for at least FOUR (4) years prior to the selection.
9. The Selection Committee will assess and rank Two Students in each age group.
10. The number one student in each age category will receive '**Best Student award**' leading to “**Minister's Award**” nominations. The second best student (*runner-up*) in each category will receive the '**Runner-up awards**' as identified by the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee:

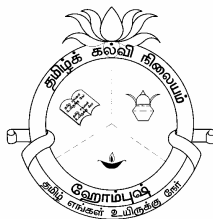
The Selection Committee consists of the following members from the School Management Committee

- President
- Secretary
- Chairperson of Education Sub-committee
- Principal

The parents or relatives (direct) of a student shall be excluded from the Selection Committee if that student is short listed candidate for consideration for the Minister's Award.

All four members of the Selection Committee must declare any conflict of interest with respect to any short listed student before the assessment process starts. In case of any 'conflict of interest', the Management Committee will replace that member by another suitable Committee / Sub-committee Member.

Tamil Study Centre, Homebush



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Closing Date: 07.03.2009 before 3:00 PM

1. Full Name of Student:	
2. Telephone:	
3. Date of Birth:	
4. Class at TSCH:	
5. Parent's or Guardian's Name:	
6. Address:	
7. Have you been studying at TSCH for more than four years?	Yes / No
8. Have you obtained at least one class / proficiency / subject award in TSCH during last four years?	Yes / No
9. Have you been involved in two or more of the following activities: i) Participation in a community related activity to utilise their knowledge and skill gained from the Tamil School ii) Representing TSCH held by other Tamil Organizations iii) Participation in cultural/language programs arranged by other organisations iv) Voluntary activities such as fund raising, nursing home visits, clean up Australia etc.	Yes / No

If you have circle **yes for questions 7, 8 and 9** handover the application form to your class teacher on or before the closing date.

Further information and guidelines could be obtained from our web site www.tsch.org.au

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Tamil School Academic Performance (Total max. = 50 points)				
General Proficiency Awards (Max. 3 points per year)				
90% Attendance (last three years – 1 point per year)				
Gold Award (1 point per year)				
Writing / Reading / Oral Communication – Award (Max. 2 points per year)				
Tamil Skills Competition (Rank 1 = 3, Rank 2 = 2, Rank 3 = 1, Merit = 0.5 point)				
Tamil Speech Competition (Rank 1 = 3, Rank 2 = 2, Rank 3 = 1, Merit = 0.5 point)				
At TSCH more than (>) 5 years (5years=5points; 6years=6 etc.) (please give number of years studied at TSCH – Max. 11 points)	-	-	-	
Main Stream School (MSS) Academic Performance (Total max. = 20 points)				
Proficiency Award (Academic, Citizenship –2 points per year) – Consideration will be given to students studying in school where these award are not given.				
Subject award (maximum one point per year)				
O.C or Selective Schools, DUX award, DUKE award – 5 points One of above will attract 5 points and if there are more than one awards each additional award will attract one bonus point	-	-	-	
English / Maths / Science / Others Competition (indicate grade obtained – HD=2: D=1.5: C=1.0: any one award per year) (Max. 2 points per year)				
Cultural (Tamil Community) (Total max = 15 points)				
NSW Federation of Tamil Schools - Tamil Examinations HD=1: D=0.75: C=0.05 (Max. 3 points)				
Participation in “KalaiVizha” or TSCH programs or Choir(TSCH) in other Tamil Programs (Max. 3 points)				
Others (any two competition from different organisation) (SUTS, Saiva Manram, Sri Durgadevi Devasthanam, Sai Centre, Church activities, Tamil Manram, TCC, ETA etc. (Max. 9 points – HD=1.5: D=1.0: C=0.75, Participant = 0.25)				
Cultural (Australian Community) (Total max. = 9 points)				
Participation in acceptable voluntary services activities within Australian Community - one mark per activity maximum of 3 activities. (Examples: Clean up Australia, Visiting Nursing Home etc.)				
Leadership (Total max = 6 points)				
MSS Peer support, school captain, library monitor, participating in sports ,TOM etc/SRC member of TSCH / Prefect in MSS - one marks per activity maximum of 2 activity				
I hereby agree to publish above information.				
Parent's / Guardian's Signature			Date	