



GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Through: Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

NOMINATION OF PUPILS FOR EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA)

Character education is the cornerstone of our school's efforts in providing holistic education for each and every pupil. Good teaching is about developing and engaging the minds, hearts and hands of our pupils and inculcating in them positive personal and social values.

Each year, pupils who have been exemplary in character and able to inspire others as role models are recognised for their sincere effort and contribution through the Edusave Character Award. All Singaporean pupils in Government and Government-aided schools are eligible for the Edusave Character Award. The monetary award received by pupils can be used for their educational needs, such as books and stationery.

We would like to invite parents/guardians to nominate pupils who meet the criteria and truly deserving of the award. The nomination form and the eligibility criteria for this year's ECHA is available on the school website from 1 Sept 2017, under the 'Announcements' tab. Copies of the nomination forms will also be available at the General Office. Nominations forms must be submitted online or by hand at the General Office, **by 5.00pm on 22 Sept 2017**. Submission after the deadline will not be accepted.

Parents will receive a letter from the Ministry of Education (MOE) if the child receives the award. The award will be given out at a grassroots ceremony, indicated in the letter. If you have any queries or need further clarification, please contact the General Office at 67604265.

Online nomination form is available on the below-mentioned weblink:

<http://tinyurl.com/2017-GRPS-ECHA-NominationForm>

Thank you.

Mr Arivalagan
HOD/ CCE

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GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The award will be given to **Singaporean pupils** who have met the selection criteria and have cleared the selection and endorsement process.
2. The nomination process is open to all pupils, staff, parents and partners (coaches, long-term vendors, members of the public etc.).
3. Pupils may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the pupils.
4. Nominated pupils must have received at least a 'Very Good' as their overall conduct grade **and** a Bronze award for the school-based JTTH programme. These details will be verified by the Selection Panel.
5. The nominated pupils must have demonstrated **good character and values** in a **consistent manner**. Pupils may be identified and nominated for the following qualities:
 - (a) Qualities associated with **School values** (Graciousness, Responsibility and Public-Spiritedness)
 - (b) Demonstrated a high level of **civic responsibility**: Pupils must have demonstrated concerns about issues related to their community or issues faced by others. They could have initiated simple action or played an active role to address these issues and demonstrate commitment to making a difference. School-based VIA experiences will not be considered for selection; and/or
 - (c) Qualities associated with **resilience**: Pupils who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, health issues, family issues, peer resistance etc.) and have managed to overcome the odds.

MONETARY VALUE OF EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA)

The values of the ECHA Award for each level are as follows:

- \$200 for Primary 1 to 3
- \$350 for Primary 4 to 6