

TEN OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

2008 AWARD RULES

THE PROGRAM

Since 1961, the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) program has recognized outstanding youth of the nation for academic excellence, exemplary leadership, community involvement and good moral values.

TOSP has undergone a transition from being just an awards program into a program that also focuses on community building. Its theme, “**Learning, leading and serving for life**”, aims to promote excellence and service as a way of life through the TOSP awardees and finalists who come from the various regions of the Philippines. With this, a shared understanding and commitment towards our objective of building a better quality of life, anchored on good moral values and faith in God, and in the capacity of the Filipino to be an agent of change in his own community, is effectively and efficiently established.

In 1994, TOSP embarked on a Regional Search so that students in each particular region can closely identify themselves with role models selected from their immediate environment. TOSP has branched out into regional programs. It currently has regional searches in ten regions: II, III, V, VI, VII, X & CARAGA, XI, CAR and NCR.

The TOSP program is a project of the RFM Foundation in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education, the Rotary Club of Makati Central, the National Bookstore, and the RFM Group of Companies.

WHO MAY JOIN

A participating **university** will only be allowed to enter a maximum of **three nominees** while a participating **college** will only be allowed to enter a maximum of **two nominees** provided that **each of the nominees coming from the same university or college are in different fields of specialization** (refer to page 2) as classified by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The President, Administrator or head of the university or college duly accredited by CHED must officially nominate candidate(s).



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Minimum Qualifications:

1. Filipino citizen, not more than 30 years old, of excellent moral character and without any record of criminal conviction;
2. A bona fide graduating student for the current school year (SY 2007-2008) from a first degree except those taking Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Laws;
3. An outstanding student in academic and co- & extra curricular activities;
4. No failing grade throughout the entire college years.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

•Medicine

•Health-Related Professions Dentistry, Medical Technology, Midwifery, Nursing, Nutrition & Dietetics, Physical/Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Radiological Technology

•Agriculture (and allied courses like Agribusiness), Agricultural Engineering, Fisheries, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine;

•Science and Math Astronomy, Meteorology, Biology, Biochemistry, Botany, Microbiology, Human Biology, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, Physiology, Zoology, Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Chemical Technology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Geology, Ecology, Metallurgy, Natural Sciences, Vulcanology, Oceanographic & Statistics;

•Information Technology Computer Science, Computer Technology, Information Management;

•Engineering, Architecture & Maritime All fields of engineering and architecture, maritime programs such as Marine Engineering, Marine Transportation and Naval Architecture;

•Humanities, Communication & Social Sciences

Philosophy, Literature, English, Filipino and other Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Journalism, Mass Communications, Broadcasting, Theology, Music, Social Work, Interior Design, Tourism;

•Teacher Education Elementary and Secondary Education & Industrial Education;

•Criminology & Law Criminal Justice & Jurisprudence, Correction & Jail Management, Law, Enforcement, Police Administration, Security & Safety Management;



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•Business, Economics, Industry & Entrepreneurship Banking & Finance, Public/ Business/ Custom Administration, Accountancy, Marketing, Economics, Business/Industrial Management.

SELECTION PROCESS
(REGIONALIZED AREAS: Regions II, III, VI, VII, CAR and NCR)

1. A dean, professor, officer of a school organization or a student may endorse nominees to the School Level Selection Committee;
2. The school head shall have the option to conduct a formal screening process or directly nominate the school's candidate(s) from among the names submitted by the dean, professor, officer of a school organization or a student to the search.
3. Colleges and Universities are encouraged to create, as much as possible, their own institutional level Selection Committee in screening their candidates/nominees for the regional (and national) search for submission to the president of the HEI who shall then endorse the candidates to the TOSP Regional Executive Committee through the TOSP Regional Secretariat.

A Regional Screening Committee is convened to select the regional finalists from all nominations received. The Regional Board of Judges, who then selects the Ten Outstanding Students of the Region, interviews the finalists.

The winners of the regional search automatically qualify as national finalist candidates for the TOSP National search. The candidates join nominees from non-regionalized areas, whose names have been submitted directly to the National Secretariat in Manila. Once received at the National Secretariat, forms of regionalized nominees, together with the forms of pre-qualified non-regional nominees are subjected to a selection process conducted by a National Screening Committee that evaluates and determines the Thirty (30) National Finalists. Once chosen, the Thirty National Finalists will be informed and invited to Manila to undergo a week-long formation process and other TOSP activities. Before the end of the same week, a panel of National Board of Judges, who will carefully assess all the candidates and select the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines, will interview the Thirty National Finalists. By the end of the week, the Thirty National Finalists will be recognized, and the ten awardees honored in simple ceremonies in Malacañan Palace, to be led by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.



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AWARDS CRITERIA

1. Superior academic performance;
2. Responsible leadership and active participation in worthwhile co-& extra-curricular activities;
3. A deep sense of community awareness and involvement;
4. Personal values anchored on a living faith in God, sensitivity towards others, sincere determination to help and firm moral convictions/integrity;
5. A pleasing personality and the ability to express oneself effectively.

DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

1. Two (2) copies of completed nomination forms with two (2) black and white 2" x 2" graduation photos;
2. Supporting documents, 2 copies each:
 - a) Certified true copy of transcript of records from first semester of first year college to the last semester of the senior year, i.e. 2007-2008. ***Note: All submitted transcript of records should contain the GWA or GPA for all semesters spent in college or a certification of the computed GWA (not to be included in the GWA computation are: ROTC/NSTP, PE, Social Orientation) for the same period above signed by the school registrar. (All grades received in all subjects except those mentioned above must be added and averaged out to obtain the said GWA or GPA)***
 - b) Certified by the college / university Certificates of membership in school or community organizations
 - c) Certified by the college / university Certificates of attendance in special seminar(s) / course(s).
 - d) Certified by the college / university Certificates/Awards of Appreciation or photo of plaques and medals duly identified and labeled.
3. Letter of nomination from the president of the college/university.
4. Certificate of good moral character from the school.
5. Answers to essay questions
6. Summary of Achievement Profile



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ESSAY QUESTIONS

Note: The nominee should select 2 questions out of the 6 given below and answer in not more than 300 words.

1. What to you is the meaning of community service?
2. How have you responded to the call and the challenges of nation building?
3. What is the significance of excellence and being outstanding in today's society?
4. How were you able to lead a balanced life as a student?
5. What motivated you to be where you are now? Who were the people and what were the roles in contributing to the values and principles you live by day today?
6. Why do you continue to live by the values you believe in? Why are these very significant to your life vis-à-vis your contribution to society?

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE

- 1.) Activities and awards must be arranged in chronological order.
- 2.) Date column must be filled up with month-date-year.
- 3.) Legend for the Level column:

I International
N National
R Regional
P Provincial
C City
S School

- 4.) Reference page refers to the page of the supporting documents (copy of the certificates, news articles, pictures, etc.)
- 5.) The supporting document chapter must also be arranged in sequential order of the summary of profile (academic, leadership and social responsibility).



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**I. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
(Academic Honors and Awards)**

School Year: _____

Date	Rank, Name of Honor/ Award Received	Given by	Description of Honor/Award Received	Level	Reference Page

**II. LEADERSHIP
(Co- and Extra-curricular Activities and Awards)**

School Year: _____

Date	Position, Name of Activity	Description of Activity and Your Involvement	Organized by	Beneficiary	Level	Reference Page

**III. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
(Civic Activities and Community Involvements and Awards)**

School Year: _____

Date	Position, Name of Activity	Description of Activity and Your Involvement	Organized by	Beneficiary	Level	Reference Page

DEADLINE

Two copies of the nomination form and its supporting documents should be submitted to the TOSP Regional Secretariat not later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2008.**



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