



DepED MEMORANDUM
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PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO 2006 ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. For the year 2006, the two separate medals for academic excellence and leadership will be fused into one medal to be called President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Academic Excellence and Leadership Award Medallion. This will be distributed with a computer-generated Certificate of Award.
2. Public and private senior high school students can avail of this award. Academic nominees should belong to the top one (1) percent of all seniors in every high school. This makes the selection process very competitive. Once nominated, recipients should be selected on the basis of academic, community involvement and extracurricular activities, as well as an essay to be submitted by each nominee as to what excellence is all about and what moves them towards this goal.
3. Grade requirements for nominees should be Straight "A" students or the grades of 90% or its equivalent and above. Specific emphasis should be given to Science, Mathematics, English and Communication Skills. An additional Certification from the Principal of the school should be required attesting to the student's strong proficiency or excellence in these subjects, and his/her genuine sensibility and his/her heart for the welfare of the country and the Filipino people.
4. Likewise, indicators of the nominee's personal character traits that add to his/her leadership qualities should be included.
5. The breakdown of selection are as follows:

	Percentage Points
a. Academic excellence	60%
• Straight "A" student or with grades 90% and above, or its equivalent, with emphasis on Science, Mathematics, English, and Communication Skills	
b. Community involvement (10%) and Extracurricular activities (15%)	25%
c. An Essay to be submitted by each as to what excellence is all about and what moves them towards this goal	15%

6. Mechanics of Implementation are as follows:

- a. A Screening Committee in every school shall be formed for the purpose of selecting the nominees/candidates/awardees for the Presidential Academic Excellence and Leadership Award. The Screening Committee shall be composed of, but not limited to:

Chairman: Principal of the School
Members : 1. Teacher selected by the school
2. NGO Representative in the area
3. PTCA member
4. Classmate of the nominee

- b. If the school does not have a Principal, it may affiliate with another school having a Principal located in the area or the vicinity.
- c. No member of the committee shall be allowed to sit if related within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity to any candidate for the award.
- d. Any school policy/rule of both public and private secondary schools which comes in conflict with the mechanics of this award should be made consistent with DepED Order No. 6, s. 2005 which contains the rule in the selection of honor students.
- e. The Principal of the school shall submit to the Office of the President, through USEC. Mona Dumlao-Valisno, the name/s of the Awardee/s after the final selection by the Screening Committee, or shall declare the fact that no student was selected for the award.


7. Three (3) awards and medals may be granted to a school having a 4th year high school enrollment of 3,000 and above, and selected from the 1st top 6 nominees. Two (2) awards and medals may be granted to a school having a 4th year high school enrollment of 1,000 to 2,999, and selected from the 1st top nominees. Only one (1) award and medal may be granted to a school having a 4th year high school enrollment of 999 and below, and selected from the 1st top nominees.

8. The following deadlines should be observed:

February 10-24, 2006	Dissemination of Award information by DepED in the field and participating schools
February 21-March 3, 2006	- Evaluation and selection of final nominees and award recipients
March 10-17, 2006 2006	- Distribution of Medals to different schools
March 27-31, 2006	- Awarding of the PGMA Academic Excellence and Leadership Awards

9. For more information, please contact USEC Mona Dumlao-Valisno, at suite 312-313 *Tahanan ng Masa*, San Miguel St., Malacañang, Manila tel. nos. (02) 736-8607 or (02) 736-8616 and telefax no. (02) 736-6919.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Reference: DepED Order: No. 6, s. 2005

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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