



**ANDHRA PRADESH
STATE COUNCIL of HIGHER EDUCATION**
(A Statutory Body of the Government of A.P)



Notification of APSCHE Excellence Awards

(Rewarding the attributes of students)

APSCHE is going to present prestigious state-level “Excellence Awards” in three categories for the students of Andhra Pradesh starting in 2022. The initiation of these awards is the first of its kind in the country.

Objective

To promote the spirit of excellence, reward the students for their innovation skills, and motivate them to become responsible citizens and empathetic human beings.

Categories

1. Community Service Award
2. Best Student of the Year Award
3. Influential Student Award

Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be studying in a recognized college/university in Andhra Pradesh
- Students pursuing their education in their current academic years only are eligible
- A student can apply for only one award at a time

Prize Money (in each category)

1. Rs. 1,00,000 /- for the first position
2. Rs. 60,000 /- for the second position
3. Rs. 30,000 /- for the third position
4. Rs. 10,000 /- for the fourth position

Details

The award consists of a memento, a certificate, and the prize money. The applications for the Awards will commence on 23rd April 2022 and will be conferred to students on 20th June 2022

Timeline

Activity	Date
Announcement of Excellence Awards by APSICHE	22 nd April 2022
Commencement of applications for the students	23 rd April 2022
Closure of applications through regular mode	07 th May 2022
Submission of Selected applications to APSICHE by Universities	13 th May 2022
Closure of applications for challenge nomination	20 th May 2022
Announcement of the shortlisted candidates for the second round	27 th May 2022
Presentation by the candidates about their work (online/in-person) and conducting the personality test (online/in-person)	01 st to 10 th June 2022
Announcement of the final results	15 th June 2022
Official Function to Confer the Excellence awards	20 th June 2022

The applications will commence from 10:00 AM on 23/04/2022 and will close by 11:59 PM on 07/05/2022. Please find the link below to submit online applications.
https://apsche.ap.gov.in/excellence_award.php

Selection Procedure

- There shall be three rounds in the selection procedure
- First-round/Entry round: Students have to submit their applications along with evidence and a reference letter on the APSICHE website. Upon receiving the applications from the students, APSICHE shall send the applications to all the Universities. Every university shall select at least 3 students per award and send the list to APSICHE.
- Second-round: The selected applications from all universities will be screened by a screening committee constituted by APSICHE to shortlist 15 nominations per award and announce the shortlisted candidates for the second round.
- Final round: The shortlisted candidates shall give a presentation (online/in-person of their work) followed by an interview or a personality test (online/in-person) before the Jury as per the award category. The Jury shall announce the winners.
- Challenge nomination: If any student feels that his/her candidature hasn't been represented by the college/university for any reason, the student can apply on the APSICHE website directly abiding by the rules. The challenge nominations will be placed before the screening committee for admission.

General Guidelines

- Every applicant shall apply on the APSICHE website only. All the official communication shall be sent to the registered e-mail of the student. All candidates must make sure that they enter the correct email address
- Students have to download the Reference Letter from the APSICHE website, get it filled and upload it along with the application form, reference letter, and the evidence
- All students shall submit their applications online only. No application shall be accepted through the post
- Every University shall constitute a scrutiny committee and shall evaluate the applications meticulously
- The committee shall identify at least 3 students per award and send the list of selected students to APSICHE within the stipulated time
- Every university shall display the list of candidates selected through ‘regular mode’ on their website exactly on the day they send the list to APSICHE i.e. 13th May 2022
- Students have a window period of seven days i.e. 13th May to 20th May 2022 to apply through *challenge nomination* on the APSICHE website abiding by all the rules
- The results at every stage shall be uploaded on the official website of APSICHE along with the requirements for the next round. The applicant has to check the website without fail
- All the presentations of the winners shall be uploaded on the official website for the reference of other students
- There shall be due diligence by a third-party or government intelligence to verify and validate the authenticity of the candidature
- If any candidate is found furnishing any misinformation or false information at any stage of the application, serious action shall be taken against that student. Such students will be disqualified to participate in Excellence Awards future and liable for disciplinary action
- If any winner is found to have furnished wrong information or misconduct, the candidate on the waiting list shall be conferred the award
- The process might be reviewed from time to time whenever it is deemed necessary
- The final selection by the Jury is binding on everyone

Challenge Nomination

If any student feels that his/her candidature hasn't been represented by the college/university for any reason and if the student feels he/she should get nominated for the awards, then, the student can directly file his/her application on the APSICHE website with the help of eminent

personalities from the society by submitting two reference letters signed by the eminent personalities testifying the work of the student (*by paying an application fee of Rs.1000*). The student should get one reference letter from the following four categories of personalities:

- A professor/lecturer from the university/college (applicable to all awards)
- A public servant relevant (applicable to all awards)
- A representative from an NGO/CSO (applicable only to *Community Service Award*)
- A representative from the industry (applicable only to *Student Innovation Award*)

Entry Mode

- Regular Nomination - For applications through the regular entry, the student has to submit the reference letter signed by the head of the college/university on the college/university letterhead testifying to the work of the student.

Reference Letter – Regular Nomination
(To be endorsed by the head of the institution)

This is to endorse that Mr/Miss
S/o or D/o.....pursuing..... (B.A/B.Com/B.Sc/B.Tech. etc.) in
..... year is a bonafide student of our institution and his / her nomination for
..... Award is being forwarded with good faith in the nominee's candidature
for the award.

Date:

Place:

Name:

Signature

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- Challenge Nomination - For applications through challenge nomination, the student has to submit one reference letter from the eminent personalities (defined by APSCHE) testifying the work of the student

Reference Letter – Challenge Nomination
(To be endorsed by an eminent personality)

This is to endorse that Mr/Miss
 S/o or D/o.....pursuing..... (B.A/B.Com/B.Sc/B.Tech. etc.) in
 year in (College/University). I support his / her nomination in
 complete knowledge for Award and forward with good faith in the
 nominee's candidature for the award.

Date:

Place:

Name of personality:

Signature

Designation of personality:

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Organization associated with:

Eligibility Criteria for each Award

1. Community Service Award

Community service awards are concrete symbols that recognize a student's good behavior and responsibility towards the community.

Eligibility criteria:

- *Contributed significantly to building a sense of unity and purpose in the community by working with/in an NGO/CSO/any other organization/independently*
- *Assisted others in improving their communities through volunteer programs, social groups, outreach centers, sports programs, or after-college programs*
- *Contributed to at least one district level or state level community program or initiative with measurable results of their impact created*
- *Demonstrated their role as change agents in influencing others to effect positive changes in the community*

2. Best Student of the Year Award

The Best Student of the Year is awarded to the student who has an excellent all-around record during his/her course of education.

Eligibility criteria:

- *Academic excellence (Consolidated 80% or 8.00 CGPA)*
- *Overall attendance (At least 85%)*
- *Anyone or more among the following categories:*
 - ✓ *At least one prize in sports and games at the district/state/national level*
 - ✓ *At least one prize in co-curricular activities (CCA) or extra-curricular activities(ECA)at district/state/national level*
 - ✓ *At least one prize in paper presentation in national/international seminars/conferences*
- *Mentored other students in their academic and non-academic activities by listening to them carefully and created study spaces where students can receive support*
- *Reforms proposed and canvassed for the betterment of college/university systems*
- *Participation in community development activities*
- *Any leadership activities*

3. Influential Student Award

The influential student award recognizes the student who has contributed significantly to the college/society through their involvement in various categories.

Eligibility criteria:

- *Organizing sports events/CCA/ECA at inter-college or inter-university level*
- *Organizing and leading the campus programs at the district/state/national level*
- *Initiating an activity/reforms for the department/hostels/college/university*
- *Active and continuous involvement in clubs/societies of the college/university*
- *Motivate and Act as role models for other students and college/university*
- *Showcasing the ability to solve problems in all situations (STAR: Situation, Task, Action, Response)*
- *The nominee must also show significant potential for continued leadership*