

FAQ for TCS – EW Teachers Awards 2009

Q1: What are the Various Rounds?

Ans: Three Rounds

- Round 1 –Evaluation of all the entry forms, selection of entries for round 2
- Round 2 – Essay Round
- Round 3 – Interview Round for National Finals

ROUND 1 – Sending Entries and evaluation of all the entries

Q2. What are the evaluation/ selection criteria?

Ans:

For Round 1 – Attributes of the teacher amongst those listed and evidence of innovative teaching in Descriptor paragraph in the Entry form

For Round 2 – The Essay must provide evidence of Innovative teaching and innovative ways of learning invented by the teacher

Along with the essay the teacher could put together a teaching portfolio that provides a basis for evaluating her/his teaching performance and contributions to education.

The innovation must enhance teaching and learning in the classroom and could include creating innovative instructional methods and courseware, use of technology in teaching, developing a new course, innovation in mentoring of students etc.

Evidence of innovation could be sent to us in the form of printed documents or CD's of presentations, learning material used in the class, photographs etc.

Evidence can also be provided in the form of student ratings, previous awards won, peer testimonial and ratings, reference letters from alumni and colleagues at other institutions who are familiar with the instructor's educational activities.

For Round 3 – There will be a face to face interview. Teachers will be judged on the content of their work and their interview to ascertain achievement level in raising teaching-learning standards

Q3. Who all can nominate a teacher for the award?

Ans : Any one including the principal, students, parents, other teachers, etc can nominate a teacher for the award. Self nomination is also valid.

Q4. Apart from English can the entry form be filled up in other languages?

Ans. Vernacular school teachers can also participate, they can fill the forms in the local language (however entries in English are preferred for ease of judging).

Q5. Can the teachers teaching in private classes and tutorials send in their entries for the awards?

Ans: Yes

Q6: Any minimum qualification or fixed criteria like B Ed etc. is required for a teacher to apply for the award

Ans: Any school Teacher in a private, govt, govt aided school can apply, B Ed is not mandatory

Q7. What kind of supporting needs to be sent along with the entry?

Ans: The Entry Form does not call for any supporting, however in the descriptor paragraph, the teacher could simply mention the supporting material she could provide if required.

Q8. Are the principals qualified to take part in the awards? If yes, any conditions

Ans: Provided they also teach classes.

Q9. Can more than one person nominate a particular teacher for the award?

Ans: No

Q10. The entries sent through mail will have no signature, will it be considered as a valid entry?

Ans: Yes

Q 11. Do the teachers have to take a print of the forms or handwritten forms are Ok.

Ans: Print is preferred, if not possible, then handwriting should be clear and legible

Q12. Does the 3rd party nominating the teacher have to give personal info of themselves or of the teacher he/she is nominating and who should sign the form?

Ans: Information about the Teacher should be provided, since the teacher will need to be contacted for next round in case of selection. Form should be signed by the Teacher

ROUND 2 – Essay Round

Q13. How many teachers in each category will be selected for the round 2?

Ans: No fixed number, depends on quality of submissions

Q 14. How and by when will the teachers come to know about the result?

Ans: The finalists will be contacted by a person from Education World either by post or by telephone, so make sure the address and phone number in the entry form is valid

ROUND 3 – National Finals

Q15. How many teachers in each category will be selected for the round 3?

Ans: Each of the 4 regions will have 2 winners, one from Primary, one from Secondary. That makes 8 Finalists in all. The National Finals will see 1 winner each in Primary and Secondary Sections, i.e there will be 2 National winners

Q 16. How and by when will the teachers come to know about the result?

Ans: The finalists will be contacted by a person from Education World either by post or by telephone

Q17. How many days will the finalist teachers will have to be in Ahmedabad for the Nation finals?

Ans: 2 days

Q 18. What is the Agenda and flow of activities for the National Finals?

Ans: The interviews with all National winners will be held on day 1 in Ahmedabad. The workshop and award ceremony will be held the next morning in Ahmedabad. There will be a Teachers workshop in the morning on a topic of interest to Educators. Teachers of prominent schools in the city will participate. At the end of the workshop the audience will also be witness to the Award ceremony, the winners will be announced and the awards will be given away by Top management of TCS.

Q 19. Who will take care of the travel, food expense and lodging of the teachers coming for the National Finals?

Ans: Tata Consultancy Services

Q20. Will the family members of the National finalists will be allowed to accompany them to Lucknow? If yes who will bear the Expenses.

Ans: The National Finalists will be invited for the Award ceremony and TCS will pay the expenses for travel and stay, family members are not included.

Q21. Who will be the Judges for the National Finals?

Ans: 3-4 judges in all, they will be from Tata Consultancy Services and Education World

Q22. What will be the dress code for the Teachers Award Event

Ans: Formal

Q23. Will the winners have to give any future commitments?

Ans: They will not be eligible for participation in future TCS – EW Teacher award contest

Q24: What are the winners going to win? In detail

Ans: 8 finalists will receive cheques of Rs10,000/- each, the 2 National winners will receive a Laptop each in addition