

ISW Student Award Charter

(Rules and Regulations)

Overall:

The ISW Student Award subcommittee wishes to present recognition awards to the children of ISW members. These awards are presented each year. Following describes the rules set up by the ISW Student Award subcommittee.

Objectives:

These awards are instituted by India Society of Worcester to

- Encourage Scholastic and Extracurricular Achievement
- Encourage youth and children of ISW members to excel in their fields.
- Encourage youth towards ISW community-oriented activities and reward them for their services.

Source of funds:

ISW Student awards are sponsored by individuals and families. All citizens are encouraged to participate and support the sponsorship by donating to the ISW Student Award fund.

Types and Awards:

Citizenship awards:

These awards are given to individuals who have shown their commitment to community service or any other public service. Following are some of the examples of this type of service.

- Volunteer of ISW/IYG programs
- Volunteer in ISW schools
- Raising funds for any charity
- Provide services in special projects of humanity.
- Members of Executive Committees in schools or societies like IYG
- Political Achievements
- Any additional achievements that involve community service.

Academic Excellence Award:

These awards will be based on academic excellence. Please note from the selection criteria that community services and extra-curricular services are also considered as part of academics.

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Types and Number of Awards:

- Two Academic Excellence awards – (Junior and Seniors high school students only)
- Two Citizenship award (Any high school student is eligible)

Award Eligibility rules:

1. Applicant's family must be a member of ISW at the time of application.
2. For Academic awards any student in 11th or 12th grade at the time of application is eligible.
3. For Citizenship awards, any student who is in high school at the time of application with GPA 2.0 or above in the latest grade is eligible.
4. Applicants may apply for both types of awards using separate applications.
5. One candidate can win only one award in one year. (Citizenship or Academic)
6. If an Applicant has won either Academic or Citizenship award previous year (2020) then they do not qualify to apply again.
7. Applicant should not be a member of the family of ISW Student Award Subcommittee judges

Application requirements for Citizenship Awards:

1. Transcripts of last grade passed.
2. Certificates of Community services
3. Reference letters from charitable organizations, schools, community centers, churches etc.
4. Active participation in ISW and/or IYG activities
5. List any sports that they have played in high school.
6. Any leadership role held in a sports team E.g. Captain, Vice-Captain
7. Personal Statement- 1000 words
8. How were you able to find fulfillment in your work, school, or extra-curricular activities during the pandemic?

Application requirements for Academic Excellence Award

Core Requirements (whatever applicable):

1. SAT score
2. No. of years the student has been an honors student, on principal's list etc.
3. Receiver of other Honors Society Awards if applicable
4. Any other scholastic, sports, or extracurricular achievement. E.g. music, dancing, boy scout, girls scout, social services, and volunteering activities

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5. List any sports that they have played in high school.
6. Any leadership role held in a sports team e.g.: Captain, Vice- Captain
7. Participation in ISW or IYG activities
8. Any special project in the field of Science, Mathematics, Technology etc.
9. Personal Statement - 1000 words
10. Reference letters where applicable

Selection Criteria:

Citizenship awards

All applications will be evaluated. The top two candidates will be chosen based on the criteria defined above. Preference may be given for services towards ISW/ IYG related services.

Academic Excellence Awards

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Multiple applications per person

- Cannot apply for the ISW Student Award if previously awarded.
- Can be awarded only one of two awards in a current cycle. Being selected as an awardee for one category automatically removes eligibility for the second category.

Number of awards: 2

Notes:

These are awards, not scholarships.