

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### RISE Educator Award

**1. What is RISE Educator Award?**

RISE Educator Award by Taylor's College and its student engagement arm, The Risers, is an award that recognises inspirational educators in Malaysia who have made a significant impact on their students and communities.

**2. What prizes are given to the winner?**

The winner of RISE Educator Award 2024 will receive RM5,000 in cash prize, their nominator will receive RM500, and their school will receive RM20,000 in sponsorship for upgrading or building teaching and learning infrastructures.

Four finalists of the award will each receive RM1,000 in cash prize, their nominators will each receive RM250, and their schools will receive RM10,000 in sponsorship.

**3. How can I get more information about RISE Educator Award?**

For more information, please follow the latest updates on our website at <https://college.taylors.edu.my/en/the-risers/rise-educator-award-2024.html> and social media at <https://www.facebook.com/taylors.college.preu/>.

### Nominations Process

**4. Who is eligible to be nominated?**

Educators from national, private, and international pre, primary, and secondary schools in Malaysia who demonstrate exceptional dedication in their schooling community are eligible for nomination.

**5. Can I nominate more than one educator?**

While you can only nominate one educator at a time, we encourage you to rally your family and friends to nominate other deserving educators.

**6. How can I nominate an educator for the RISE Educator Award?**

To nominate an educator, simply submit a 100-word story detailing the impact they've made in students' lives, along with supporting photos. Nominations are open from 18 March 2024 to 17 April 2024.

### Voting Process

**7. How are the finalists selected?**

From the nominations, 10 impactful teachers will be shortlisted. These stories will then be posted on Taylor's College and Taylor's University social media platforms for public voting.

**8. What is meant by public vote?**

Public vote is a process where the community can vote for selected candidates to become finalists.

**9. How can I vote for a finalist?**

Voting can be done by visiting the social media platforms where the finalists' stories are posted and following the instructions provided for voting. Voting is open from (x) to (x).

**10. How many finalists will proceed to the final round?**

Out of all the 10 nominated teachers, the five teachers who receive the highest number of votes from the public will advance to the final round.

**Winner Selection Process**

**11. How is the winner determined?**

In the RISE Educator Award 2024 selection process, the panel of judges will assess the impact and effort of the final five teachers' contributions, which will account for 75% of the final decision.

Additionally, the public vote will contribute 25% to the final decision. This means that the general public's votes for the top 5 teachers among the finalists will be factored into the overall decision-making process.

**12. What are the criteria for judging this award?**

Judging will be based on the inspirational stories shared, the educational impact made, and the community support received.

**13. Who are the judges for the RISE Educator Award?**

The judging panel for the RISE Educator Award consists of prominent individuals in the field of education and the community. This includes Chan Soon Seng, Chief Executive Officer of Teach For Malaysia; Professor Barry Winn, Vice Chancellor and President of Taylor's University; Josephine Tan, Campus Director of Taylor's College; and Cikgu Kumaresan Muniandy, Special Education Teacher of Sekolah Menengah Pendidikan Khas Vokasional Merbok and RISE Educator of the Year 2023. These individuals bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the judging process, ensuring that the award is given to the most deserving educator.

**14. When will the winner be announced?**

The 10 shortlisted stories will be announced on 22 April 2024 for public voting. The winner will be announced at a later date.

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