

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

RISE Educator Award

1. What is the 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 will receive RM5,000 in cash prize, their nominator will receive RM500, and their school will receive RM50,000 in sponsorship for upgrading or building teaching and learning infrastructures.

4 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 the RISE Educator Award?

For more information, please follow the latest updates on our website at [Taylor's College](#) and social media at [Facebook](#), [Tiktok](#) and [Instagram](#).

Nomination Process

4. Who can nominate an educator?

The RISE Educator Award is open to Malaysian citizens who are:

- Parents of students in Malaysian pre-schools, primary, or secondary schools.
- Students currently studying in a Malaysian pre-school, primary, or secondary school.
- Fellow peers, such as colleagues, principals, headmasters, or headmistresses.
- Members of the general public.

5. Who can be nominated?

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

6. Can I nominate more than 1 educator?

While you can only submit 1 entry for 1 educator, we encourage you to rally your family and friends to nominate other deserving educators.

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

To nominate an educator, simply submit a 100 – 250 word story detailing the impact they've made in students' lives, along with supporting photos.

Voting Process

8. How are the finalists selected?

From the nominations, 10 impactful teachers will be shortlisted. These stories will then be posted on the RISE Educator page [here](#).

9. How does public voting work?

Public voting allows students, parents, teachers, and members of the public to participate by voting for selected candidates with the most inspiring stories on RISE Educator page to become one of the Top 5.

The top 5 stories with the highest votes will advance to the final round, where a panel of judges will select the winner. Finalists, nominators, and schools will receive exciting prizes and sponsorships. Please refer to the Winning Prizes section for more details.

10. How can I vote for a finalist?

Vote by visiting the RISE Educator page, where the finalists' stories are posted, and follow the instructions provided. Voting is open from 13 May to 23 May 2025.

11. Why is the voting process different for this year?

This year, voting for the finalists will take place exclusively on the RISE Educator page [here](#), ensuring a fair and secure process.

By moving away from Facebook likes, this new system enhances the integrity of the voting process by encouraging authentic engagement. It ensures that all votes are genuine, creating a level playing field and accurately reflecting support for each finalist.

12. How many finalists will proceed to the final round?

Among the 10 nominated teachers, 5 teachers with the highest number of public votes will advance to the final round.

Winner Selection Process

13. How is the winner determined?

In the RISE Educator Award 2025 selection process, 10 inspiring stories will be shortlisted from all nominations. These 10 finalists will then enter the public voting stage, where the top 5 stories with the highest votes will advance to the final round.

At this stage, a panel of judges will evaluate the top 5 finalists based on the impact and effort of their contributions. Public voting will account for 25% of the final decision, while the judges' assessment will contribute the remaining 75%, ultimately determining the winner.

14. 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.

15. Who are the judges for the RISE Educator Award?

The judging panel for the RISE Educator Award consists of prominent individuals from the education sector and the community. This includes Josephine Tan, Campus Director of Taylor's College; Chan Soon Seng, Chief Executive Officer of Teach For Malaysia; and Cikgu Shawn Stanley Anthony Dass, former teacher of SK RPS Banun and winner of the RISE Educator Award 2024.

These individuals bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the judging process, ensuring that the award is given to the most deserving educator.

16. What happens if my nominees win?

If your nominee wins, you'll receive RM500 as a token of appreciation, while they will be rewarded with RM5,000 for their incredible contribution. Additionally, their school will win RM50,000! Don't miss this chance to make a difference!

17. When will the winner be announced?

The winner will be announced at a later date in June. Stay updated by following our page and social media at [Facebook](#), [Tiktok](#) and [Instagram](#).

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