

THE AY FOUNDATION NATIONAL DISCIPLINE AWARD

School Year 2014 – 2015

About the AY Foundation and the Yuchengco Group of Companies.

The Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC) believes that being responsive to the needs of the community is a social responsibility of a good corporate citizen. It is realized when a company invests private capital for the public good, the benefits of which impact on the poor and translate into better health, higher incomes, access to education, better housing and cohesive community organizations, among others. This is what Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco calls a “social return on investment” or SROI.

Guided by this SROI philosophy, **Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco**, Founder of the YGC, established the AY Foundation, Inc. (AYF) in 1970, a non-profit, service-oriented organization that was to be funded with contributions from the YGC.

Being the corporate foundation of the YGC, the AY Foundation promotes pro-poor and developmental projects such as education through grants for scholarship, professorial chairs and school buildings; public health through subsidies for surgical and medical missions in remote communities; relief and rehabilitation through aid to disaster-stricken areas; awards for community service and national discipline; and various other grants to promote art and culture, environment, and temporary shelter for Manila street children.

In essence, the Yuchengco Group of Companies – even in its diversity – is bound by a common goal: that of providing integrated financial services for the communities it serves, and enhancing core values that strengthen the foundation of the Filipino nation.

About the National Discipline Award.

In response to Ambassador Yuchengco’s call to instill national discipline in the country’s youth, the AY Foundation established the National Discipline Award in 1990. The award aims to give recognition to graduating high school students who consistently exemplify the virtue of discipline in school and in the community. Since its inception, the award has been conferred to more than 11,000 high school graduates from more than 1,200 high schools nationwide. Although not a scholarship program, the National Discipline Award encourages its recipients to pursue their studies. Aside from a gold medal, awardees receive a cash award of PHP 7,500.00 to help defray their college tuition.

The National Discipline Award is an affirmation of AY Foundation’s commitment towards the advancement of our nation, as we believe that “the youth are the hope of our fatherland.”

SEARCH GUIDELINES

Screening Procedures

Participating schools are urged to conduct a proactive search for possible nominees by making all students and teachers aware of the search through announcement in student council meetings and faculty meetings. Every school must follow a two-level selection process in conducting the search.

The first level selection involves all 4th year students and all subject teachers. The President of the Student Council calls all 4th year students to cast their nominees for the award through secret balloting. The Head of the Faculty also conducts a similar nomination process involving all subject teachers. The top nominees will then be submitted to the Final Screening Committee for further deliberation.

On the second level, a higher screening body will deliberate on the merits of the top nominees submitted by the preliminary screening committee. It is recommended that the Final Screening Committee be composed of the following individuals:

- ☞ Principal / School Director (as the Head of the Committee)
- ☞ Guidance Counselor
- ☞ Prefect of Discipline / Grievance Committee Head
- ☞ Class Adviser / Values Teacher
- ☞ Curriculum Chairman / Academic Coordinator

The Final Screening Committee must verify the background of each and every nominee and may subject the nominees to a panel interview, on the spot home visit and/or interview of family and peers.

The final choice of the school must then be communicated to AY Foundation for confirmation.

Criteria for Selection

Each participating high school is allowed to select only one nominee for the year. The nominee must be a graduating student who, on the judgment of the Screening Committee, best exemplifies the following traits:

1. Self-sacrifice

- ☞ Gives rather than takes
- ☞ Reaches out to others and sacrifices personal advantages for the good of those who are in need
- ☞ Labors for the good of the family, classmates and friends, for the good of the school and for the good of the country.
- ☞ The student is generous with his time, talent and possessions, sharing those things with others

2. Courage

- ☞ The student has determination and will power to overcome hardships
 - The student may be poor but works to get through school
 - The student may be handicapped but is persevering
- ☞ Could be the last, lowest and least on the team, but never stops trying
- ☞ Stands for his own convictions, even when these convictions are not popular

3. Integrity

- ☞ Honest in the classroom, campus and at home
- ☞ Does assignments consistently, does not cheat in examinations and earns marks that are received
- ☞ Does not sacrifice principles for personal gains
- ☞ Stands for what is just and right
- ☞ Outstanding in sportsmanship and fair play

4. Discipline

- ☞ Works hard to develop his God-given talents
- ☞ Respects the laws of the country, the school regulations, club rules and expectations of his friend
- ☞ Never resorts to drugs, alcohol, or to any immoral behavior
- ☞ Stabilizing factor for peace and harmony in the classroom, in the campus and at home.

It is the prerogative of the Screening Committee to adopt its own “point system” with respect to the above-mentioned basic criteria for the selection process.

Requirements for Nomination

The Principal, as the Screening Committee Head, must submit all of the following requirements to the AYF office on or before January 30, 2015:

1. Nominee’s Information Sheet (form sent by AY Foundation to participating schools) duly accomplished by the nominee, and signed by the principal / screening committee head.
2. A brief write-up or essay on the school’s official nominee, to be done by the principal or the head of the screening committee, describing the nominee’s outstanding qualifications, citing specific situations where nominee demonstrates the traits of discipline, courage, integrity, self-sacrifice, and of being a responsible citizen of our country. This serves as the “Basis for Selection of the Nominee” and must be duly signed / certified by the head and all the members of the final Screening Committee.
3. Two (2) identical copies of the nominee’s ID picture, size 2” X 2”, with white background and his full name, signature, school and region printed legibly at the back of the pictures.
4. A brief (one-page) essay with no more than 300 words written by the nominee with the title, “As A National Discipline Awardee, What Can I Do To Make This Country A Better Place To Live In?”
5. Photocopies of valid school ID of the nominee, the head and all the members of the Final Screening Committee.

Confirmation of the Award

All nominations from participating schools are subject to AY Foundation’s confirmation. **Only complete and properly accomplished documents received by AYF on or before January 30, 2015, will be processed for confirmation.** Facsimile or email transmittals, unsigned documents, incomplete requirements and late submissions will not be honored.

The AY Foundation will confirm the school’s nominee through a confirmation letter mailed to the Principal together with the San Lorenzo Ruiz gold medal and the cash award to be given to the awardee on graduation day. **Without AY Foundation’s confirmation, the school’s nomination will be considered invalid.**