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Background Information on Eurasian Community Fund Awards

The Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) Education Awards are given out annually to students of Eurasian parentage to recognise their academic efforts and achievements. Various categories of awards are presented for excellence, meritorious achievements, and commendable effort. There are between 250 to 300 recipients annually from primary to tertiary levels.

1.	Bursary Awards (Primary/Secondary) The Bursary Award is a one-time annual cash grant for students from lower income families who have passed their school final examinations in the previous academic year at a local primary or secondary school.
	Bursary Awards (Tertiary) This is a one-time annual cash grant for tertiary students from lower income families who have gained admission to Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Junior College (JC), Polytechnic, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), SIA-LASALLE College of the Arts, any of the six autonomous universities or have been promoted to the next higher level in any of these institutions.
	The Bursary Award aims to defray education costs and encourage students to achieve academic excellence. Students with a family per capita income below \$1,200 qualify.
2.	Merit Awards (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary) The Merit Award is a one-time cash grant awarded to students who have performed with merit in their school final examinations (B-average for all subjects). The award aims to recognise their meritorious achievements, commendable effort and encourage students to continue their good performance.
3.	Excellence Awards (For recently graduated Primary/Secondary/Tertiary students) The Excellence Award is a one-time annual grant awarded to students who have performed with high merit in the National Examinations; selected from the top 25% in the Primary (PSLE), Secondary (O-Level & N-Level), Junior College (A-Level) and IB Diploma Programme examinations. The award aims to recognise their excellence, meritorious achievements, commendable effort and encourage students to continue their outstanding performance.
4.	Distinction Awards (For recently graduated Primary/Secondary/Tertiary students) The Distinction Award is a one-time annual cash grant awarded to students who have recently graduated from Primary (PSLE) or Secondary Schools (O-Level/N-Level), Junior College (A-Level), Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Polytechnics and the six autonomous universities (undergraduate programme) with outstanding results at the national examinations.



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	 The Peter H. Fernandez Award for Top Eurasian PSLE Student The Colonel R.J. Minjoot Award for Top Eurasian 'NT' Level Student The Colonel R.J. Minjoot Award for Top Eurasian 'NA' Level Student The Evelyn Rodrigues Award for the Top Eurasian 'O' Level Student The Peggy Wai Chee Leong-Hochstadt Award for the Top Eurasian 'A' Level Student The Eurasian Association Award for Top IB Student The Beryl Lucy Phillips-Hochstadt Special Award The Harry Elias Award for the Outstanding Eurasian Sports Student The Colonel R.J. Minjoot Award for Top Eurasian ITE Level Student The Lawrence Henry da Silva Award for the Outstanding Eurasian Polytechnic Student The Herbert Schoon Progress Award The Henry David Hochstadt Award for the Outstanding Eurasian University Student
5.	EA University Scholarship By The Eurasian Association The EA offers the EA University Scholarship annually, for students pursuing a full-time degree at any of the local universities (NUS, NTU, SMU, UniSIM, SUTD, SIT). This award is for students who maintain a GPA score of 3 points, and with a family per capita income below \$1,200.
6.	Edward D'Silva Scholarship <i>By Mr Edward D'Silva</i> Upon seeing the hardships faced by families when he visited them as part of EA's Family Support Services outreach during his term as EA President, Mr Edward D'Silva saw the need to support children in their post-secondary education. Sponsored by him, this scholarship is to encourage students to study hard in secondary school, in order to open up more post-secondary education opportunities and better career prospects in the future. <i>This award is for students pursuing higher studies at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) or Polytechnic.</i>
7.	SR Nathan Education Upliftment Fund <i>By The late former President Mr S.R. Nathan</i> The late former President of Singapore, Mr S.R. Nathan, was from a low-income household and understood what it was like to suffer academically and financially as a child. He believed that education is an essential way to bring people of different backgrounds together and give them a chance at a better life. Students attending the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and Polytechnic institutions are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the SR Nathan Education Upliftment Fund with the Eurasian Association.
8.	Minnie Leicester-D'Rozario Award By Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues



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	The Minnie Leicester-D'Rozario Award recognises Eurasian students who score A1 for Literature at the GCE O-level Examinations. Inaugurated in 2015, this Award is sponsored by Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues, and named after her late aunt who played a pivotal role in Evelyn's life. It is the hope that this Award will help to revitalise interest in Literature as a subject among Eurasian youth.
9.	Irene Joseph Memorial Fund By The Josephs' Family This is set up by her five children to honour her dedication in ensuring they received a good upbringing and education. Irene Joseph was denied this opportunity due to unfortunate wartime and family circumstances, but her children have benefitted from her determination to ensure that they had the opportunities she did not. She also imparted good morals and values to them which shaped their lives. Students with a family per capita income of below \$1,000 and are not seeking financial assistance from MOE FAS qualify.
10.	P.K.P. Nair Memorial Fund By Mr Richard Joseph and Ms Michelle Penney Mr Richard Joseph and Ms Michelle Penney set up this Award in memory of the late uncle of the Joseph's family, to celebrate the spirit of generosity. He was a generous man who supported the family both in education as well as in their daily living needs, and helped ensure that the children completed their secondary education. Students with a family per capita income of below \$1,000 and are not seeking financial assistance from MOE FAS qualify.
11.	Mads A. Lange and Pansy Theseira-Lange Education Bursary By Mr Christopher Monteiro and Mrs Gloria Lange-Monteiro This is set up by Mr Christopher Monteiro and Mrs Gloria Lange-Monteiro in memory of Gloria's late parents. These funds will be utilised for the education of needy children, to enable them to contribute their talents and skills for the continued advancement of Singapore. Students with a family per capita income of below \$1,000 and are not seeking financial assistance from MOE FAS qualify.
12.	The Herbert Schoon Progress Award <i>By Ms Hananeel Marie Schoon</i> This award seeks to recognise students who have made academic progress. It is presented to one tertiary student.