

56 Inspirational Stories of President Educational Award

President Tsai Presents Award to Show Recognition

(Courtesy of Lin, Jia-Xin at the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Security)



Among the 350 student candidates recommended from across the country for the 2020 President Educational Award, 56 were selected as role models because they studied hard despite adversity. President Tsai, Ing-wen presented the award to motivate each winner in person in the hope that their struggle and learning experience could inspire more people to continue to strive upward and to overcome difficulties through constant learning.

The 2020 President Educational Award Ceremony was held at the Office of the President on the afternoon on July 17, 2020. Pan, Wen-Chung, Minister of Education, elaborated on the meaning of the President Educational Award and announced the list of winners. From the 350 students recommended from across the country, 159 were selected for the final review after scrupulous preliminary selection; then, school teachers and administrative representatives, scholars and experts, and impartial individuals formed a final-review committee to convene a final-review

meeting to determine a list of winners for each group. The list was submitted to the President Educational Award Committee for review and approval. This year, a total of 56 winners were selected with eight for the junior college group, 12 for the senior high school group, 18 for the junior high school group, and 18 for the elementary school group.

President Tsai presented trophies in person and took a group photo with the winners and their families. She was moved by the fact that the winners faced adversity optimistically, overcame family hardship, and continued to study hard despite difficulty, while expressing recognition for their endeavor.

Among the 2020 award-winning students, the youngest winner is the 9-year-old Wang Cai-Han from Sanyu Elementary School in Taipei City, and the oldest one is the 45-year-old Li Wen-Huan from National University of Tainan. The winners are from all over the country. Some demonstrate their talents in their areas of specialization, while others face family hardship or physical illnesses and strive hard and demonstrate both morality and competence, thereby serving as a role model for their peers.

For example, Wu, Cheng-Yuan in the junior college group, a student at the National Tsing Hua University, suffered from a rare eye disease, but still overcame the inconvenience in daily life. He enrolled in the National Tsing Hua University through the Tsing Hua Special Admissions Program and even published a personal piano album. Lin, You-Xian from the Chiayi County Yung Ching Senior High School is an outstanding wrestler, and he is the fourth member in his family to have received the President Educational Award. His family members support and love each other to overcome difficulties together on the road to growth. In addition, many new immigrants' children have won the award, including Zheng, Cui-Xuan from the National Su-ao Marine & Fisheries Vocational High School. She did not speak Chinese when she first arrived in Taiwan, but overcame language barriers through considerable effort and obtained multiple professional certificates, clinging on and demonstrating her great academic resilience.

According to the K-12 Education Administration of the Ministry of Education, each student of the 2020 President Educational Award, in addition to receiving a certificate of merit and a trophy, will also be awarded a scholarship. Winners in the junior college group will receive a scholarship of NT\$250,000 per person, and NT\$200,000 per person for the senior high school group, as well as NT\$150,000 per person for the junior high school and elementary school groups. Students who are shortlisted for the final review but fail to be selected for this award can also receive a certificate of merit and a scholarship of NT\$20,000, for the purpose of motivating, so that they can face challenges and overcome difficulties in the future in a steadfast manner. The list of the winners of the 2020 President Educational Award has being announced in “Latest News” on the website of K-12 Education Administration and the website of the President Educational Award.