

Regulations for the Selection of the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award

Japan Society for Educational Skills

1 Purpose of the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award

The Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award was newly established in 2022 to promote the development, dissemination, and advancement of educational skills and, to foster future generations of educators and researchers.

The Award consists of four categories based on submitted papers: the Educational Skills Award, the Advanced Practice Award, the School Development /Classroom Management/ Student Guidance Award, and the Mukoyama Yoichi Practice and Research Award. In addition, Special Awards may be conferred based on nominations or under special circumstances.

The Society hereby establishes the "Regulations for the Selection of the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award" to govern the administration and selection of the Award.

2 Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award Selection Regulations

(Purpose)

Article 1

These Regulations set forth matters concerning the procedures and methods for the selection of the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award, conducted by the Japan Society for Educational Skills (hereinafter referred to as "the Society").

(Categories of the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award)

Article 2

The Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award, based on submitted papers, shall consist of the following four categories. Each award shall be accompanied by a supplementary prize in the amount indicated in parentheses.

1. Educational Skills Award (¥200,000)

From among all submitted papers, the most outstanding educational practice and research shall be selected.

2. Advanced Practice Award (¥100,000)

From among submitted papers addressing advanced issues, or emerging educational challenges, the most outstanding educational practice and research, the most outstanding educational practice and research shall be selected.

3. School Development, Class Management, and Student Guidance Award (¥100,000)

From among submitted papers focusing on inclusive classroom management or student guidance that values every student without exception, the most outstanding educational practice and research shall be selected.

4. Mukoyama Yoichi Practical and Research Award (¥100,000)

From among submitted papers that critically examine, verify, and further develop Mukoyama Yoichi's body of practice, the most outstanding practice, research, and related activities shall be selected.

In addition, Special Awards may be conferred under special circumstances or based on nominations, with a supplementary prize of ¥100,000.

(All of the above shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as “the Award”.)

Prices are listed in Japanese yen. Payments may be subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

(Selection Committee and Secretariat)

Article 3

For the announcement, call for applications, selection, and conferment of the Award, a Selection Committee and a Secretariat shall be established.

1. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the Award. The Committee shall consist of the President of the Society, several directors of the Society, and several external experts with relevant expertise.
2. A Secretariat shall be established to manage announcements and the call for applications. The Secretariat shall consist of approximately five members of the Japan Society for Educational Skills.
3. Members of the Selection Committee and the Secretariat shall be appointed by the President of the Society.

4. The term of office for members of the Selection Committee and the Secretariat shall be one year, from April to March of the following year. Reappointment shall be permitted.

(Applicants and Nominators)

Article 4

The author(s) of a paper submitted for the Award shall be referred to as “Applicants”, and the author of a letter of recommendation shall be referred to as a “Nominator.” Applicants and Nominators must be individual members, institutional members, or supporting members of the Japan Society for Educational Skills for the relevant award year.

This requirement shall not apply to the Nominee named in letters of nomination.

1. Each Applicant or group may submit only one paper per year.
2. Members of the Selection Committee shall not serve as Applicants, Nominators, or Nominees.
3. If a member of the Secretariat serves as an Applicant, Nominator, or Nominee, that member shall not be involved in any part of the selection process for the relevant paper or nomination.
4. A Nominator shall obtain the prior consent of the Nominee before submitting a letter of nomination.

(Call for Applications)

Article 5

Applications for the Award shall be invited through Society’s official website and other appropriate channels.

(Evaluation Criteria for Submitted Papers and Nominations)

Article 6

Submitted papers and letters of nomination shall conform to the Application Guidelines and the Nomination Guidelines. Selection shall be conducted based on the evaluation criteria.

1. The evaluation criteria for submitted papers shall be as follows. Detailed standards shall be determined separately by the Selection Committee.

(1) Problem Identification and Practical Value

Whether the paper presents a substantial and well-grounded identification of contemporary educational issues in school settings, together with effective practices and methodologies.

(2) Pioneering Nature

Whether the paper demonstrates innovative practices and methodologies that address cutting-edge educational challenges.

(3) School Development, Classroom Management, and Student Guidance

Whether the practices and methodologies ensure that all students, without exception, are valued and supported.

(4) Succession and Development of Mukoyama Yoichi's Practices

Whether the paper deeply examines, verifies, and further develops the body of educational practices established by Mukoyama Yoichi.

2. The evaluation criteria shall be reviewed internally by the Selection Committee and may be revised as necessary.

3. With respect to nomination letters, award recipients shall be determined through deliberation by the Selection Committee.

(Selection Procedures)

Article 7

The selection procedures shall be conducted as follows:

1. Based on the evaluation criteria set forth in Article 6, Paragraph 1, outstanding submitted papers shall be selected for each criterion. (First-stage Review)
2. For papers that pass the First-stage Review, comprehensive deliberation shall be

conducted, and candidates for each award shall be determined. (Second-stage Review)

3. Each award shall be finalized upon approved by the Board of Directors of the Japan Society for Educational Skills and shall thereafter be announced on the Society's official website.

4. As a rule, one recipient shall be selected for each award annually. However, if no suitable candidate is found, no award shall be given.

5. Even after the announcement of the awards, if it is newly determined that an award recipient does not satisfy the requirements set forth in Article 4 or the Guidelines for the Prevention of Misconduct, the award may be revoked.

(Presentation of Awards)

Article 8

The award ceremony for recipients shall be conducted by the Japan Society for Educational Skills, and a supplementary prize shall be conferred. In the case of awards based on letters of nomination, the supplementary prize shall be conferred upon the nominee.

(Confidentiality)

Article 9

Members of the Selection Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Secretariat shall not disclose to any third party any information relating to application materials, deliberations, or evaluations, or the selection processes conducted at meetings. Such information shall not be used for any purpose other than the selection of this Award.

1. After completion of the review process, members of the Selection Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Secretariat shall return all application materials and related documents to the Selection Committee, where they shall be retained and properly stored.

(English Name of the Award)

Article 10

The official English name of this Award shall be “Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award (Award Year)”

The English names of each category of the Award shall be as follows:

- Educational Skills Award
- Advanced Award
- School Development, Classroom Management, and Student Guidance Award
- Mukoyama Yoichi Practice and Research Award
- Special Achievement Award

Article 11 (Amendment or Abolition)

Any amendment or abolition of these Regulations shall be decided by the President, based on a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Supplementary Provisions

- Approved by the Board of Directors of the Japan Society for Educational Skills on December 12, 2021
- Added and revised by the Board of Directors on May 27, 2022
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