

Shri Ambavibhai & Shrimati Otamben Bhalodia  
Memorial

## Student Excellence Award

This **Student Excellence Award** is annually sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Mohan & Rasila Bhalodia in memory of Late Sri & Srimati Ambavibhai and Ottamben Bhalodia. **The Aim** of the award is to inspire and promote excellence in our youth as they grow up to be among the most valued citizens of USA, bringing unique talent and noble character in their life pursuits, and strengthening the positive image of our community.

**Three awards**, one each of \$500, \$300, and \$200 US Savings Bond will be presented with a certificate of excellence to top three students selected based on the following eligibility criteria and selection process.

**Eligibility & Minimum Requirement :** To enter for the award, a student must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. Must be a member of KPS/PCA or a child of a member of KPS/PCA.
2. High school senior or graduate entering college during the award year.
3. SAT (New) Math, Critical Reading and Writing combined score of 2100
4. Two or more SAT Subject Tests (SAT II) with minimum score of 680 in each
5. Three or more AP tests (any subject) with an average of 4
6. Minimum GPA equivalent to 3.5 on a scale of 4.0
7. Active participation in at least two extracurricular activities for a minimum of one year in each.

**Entry process** is made very simple for eligible students. All the information necessary to evaluate candidates on a consistent basis is gathered in one-page entry form under Honor system. No essay, supporting information or document is required. The entry form may be obtained from the sponsor or downloaded from PCA web site. Entries must be received by the *deadline* shown on the entry form.

**Selection of Award Recipient :** To make the selection process unbiased and as objective as possible, a "Student Excellence Index (SEI)" has been developed. SEI will be calculated for each qualified candidate entering for the award. Students with top three SEI will receive the awards. If top two of them have the same SEI, they will share first two awards equally. Similarly, if second and third have same SEI, they will share second and third award equally.

SEI takes into consideration a student's performance on the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, AP Exams, GPA, extracurricular activities, and other awards/honors/recognitions. These performance attributes are weighed in the SEI formula such that no single attribute can overshadow the others. It provides a consistent basis for candidate evaluation in line with the spirit and theme of Student Excellence.

**Announcement & Presentation of Award :** Award winners will be notified within *four weeks* after the entry deadline, and may be asked to provide necessary documents to verify their entry information. Winners will be announced at the annual Diwali function where the awards will be presented by the sponsor. Winner and immediate family member(s) ***must be present in person*** to receive the award.

**Sponsor Reserves All Rights :** The sponsor intends to continue to sponsor the award each year. They, however, reserve the right to discontinue the sponsorship and the award at any time by notifying PCA. Also, sponsor reserves all rights to amend or alter selection process including selection criteria and minimum requirements. Any such changes will be applied uniformly to all candidates in subsequent award years, but shall not affect past awards. Sponsor's decision regarding award winner shall be final.

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**Student Excellence Award Entry Form**

<b>Student Name</b>		<b>SS No :</b>
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City, State, Zip</b>		
<b>Phone</b>	Area code :      Number:	<b>e-mail :</b>
<b>High School</b>		Graduated (Month/Year) :
<b>College Admitted</b>		Starting (Month/Year) :

SAT Combined Score (Out of 2400)	SAT Subject (Enter up to 3 Subject)	Score	AP Exam (Enter up to 5 Subjects)	Score
If SAT is taken more than once, enter the highest total score from any single sitting. Do not add highest Verbal from one sitting with highest Math from another.	1.		1.	
	2.		2.	
	3.		3.	
	For SAT II and AP, enter highest score if taken more than once		4.	
			5.	
<b>GPA</b>	Out of	e.g. 3.9 out of 4.0; 4.3 out of 4.5 etc.		

Extra Curricular Activity	Number of Years Actively Participated *	Position held if any (e.g. Editor, President, Secretary, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

\* Active participation in an activity means devoting on an average at least two hours per week during the school year, or equivalent total time (about 80 hours) during the year (e.g. summer activity/job etc.).

Other Awards, Honors, Recognition	Check the level			
	Local	State	National	International
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

**Mail Entry to** : Mrs. Rasila Bhalodia  
44 Tremont Drive  
East Hanover, NJ 07936

**Entry Deadline** : Must be post-marked *no* later than **October 15** of the award year

**Questions?** : Call Mrs. Rasila Bhalodia at (973) 428-0031; e-mail: sbhalodia@verizon.net

**Do Not** submit any other information or supporting documents with the entry form. All information required to evaluate candidates on a consistent basis must be provided on this entry form under Honor system. Incomplete form will not be considered. Winners will be notified within four weeks after the entry deadline, and may be asked to provide necessary documents to validate their entry information.