



GRADE 6-12

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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At the end of each school year, Mount Saint Agnes Academy recognizes students for a variety of accomplishments. These include scholarship, leadership, participation, effort, and citizenship.

This brochure is designed to inform our school community of the scope and type of awards available, with the aim of motivating students to meet their highest potential.

Awards available at Mount Saint Agnes Academy are of two kinds. Some awards come with monetary prizes; others with non-monetary recognition such as certificates and plaques.

Some awards are distributed at the End of Year Awards Assembly to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Others are distributed at the Graduation Ceremony to students in Grade 12.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY AWARDS – NO CASH

Christian Witness Award: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 who live their faith through words and deeds. The winners will receive a certificate.

Citizenship Award: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 who have shown outstanding service, leadership, responsibility, character and discipline. The winners will receive a certificate.

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme Award: *Bronze/Silver recognized.* Awarded to students who fulfill the criteria of participating in sports, skills and physical recreation for one year (Bronze) and 18 months to 2 years (Silver). Students must attend weekly meetings to prepare for a practice walk and a 15-mile expedition (Bronze) or 30 mile expedition (Silver), and have completed first aid training.

Subject Excellence Awards: Awarded to Grade 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students in each subject who demonstrate excellence in that subject, as determined by the subject teachers.

Subject Improvement Awards: Awarded to Grade 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students in each subject area who have made significant improvement during the course of the academic year.

Honors with Distinction*: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with an overall average for the year of 90 or above, and with a passing grade in all subjects.

Honors*: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with an overall average for the year of 80 or above, and with a passing grade in all subjects.

Honorable Mention*: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with an average of 75 or above, and with a passing grade in all subjects.

**Middle school honors are calculated by averaging the option courses and applying the average to the individual core courses (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Religion) in order to determine the final average.*

High school honors are calculated by averaging all of the individual five credit courses. For CTS courses (which are one credit courses), five one credit modules are combined to form the equivalent five credit course.

School Spirit Award: Awarded to students in Grade 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 who demonstrate outstanding school spirit. The winners are presented with certificates.

Dare to Care Award: Awarded to students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who exhibit a caring attitude towards other students and teachers.

The Joan McPhee/Susan McPhee Rhind Award for Dedication: Awarded to the Grade 10 student who is a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the student body and who is involved in all facets of school life, either through active participation or moral support, through his or her presence and assistance. The winner is awarded a plaque and certificate.

The Mark Lightbourne Award: Awarded to the student, group of students or class who has/have shown outstanding love, concern and support for a person or people in need. The winner will receive a plaque and certificate.

The Sandra Johnson Memorial Shield for Excellence in a Foreign Language: Awarded to Grade 9 students for outstanding achievement in Spanish and/or French. The winner is presented with a shield, certificate and language medal.

The Sandra Johnson Memorial Plaque for Improvement in Literacy: Awarded to a student or students in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 who have shown the most improvement in literacy. The winner is presented with a plaque, certificate and gift.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY AWARDS - WITH CASH

General Excellence Awards: Awarded to Grade 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 students who earn the highest average for the year. The winners are presented with \$500 each towards the following year's tuition, and a certificate.

General Excellence in Grade 8 - The Principal's Award: Awarded to the Grade 8 student who earns the highest average for the year. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award towards the following year's tuition, a medal and plaque.

Jason McCoy Memorial Music Scholarship: Awarded to a Grade 11 student who demonstrates a love of, and participation in, music. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award, plaque and certificate.

The John DeCosta Exam Award: Awarded to a student in Grades 7 and 10 for achieving the highest exam average overall in Grades 7 and 10. The winners are each presented with a \$1,000 monetary award, a plaque and certificate.

The Rose E. Soares/Joseph S. Marirea Scholarship: Awarded to the Grade 11 student who has been, by work and example, a true witness to Christian values of honesty, kindness and cooperation as well as having committed him/herself to living as a responsible Christian, has made outstanding effort and has maintained or increased his/her average over that of the previous year. The winner is presented with a monetary award which will cover 25% of his/her tuition for the first term of the following academic year, as well as a certificate.

The Toby Colombe Sports Scholarship: Awarded to the student who participates in at least a junior or national or international level in their chosen sport. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award and a certificate.

The William DeSilva Sr. Award: Awarded to the student in either Grade 9, 10 or 11 who is an active parishioner of St. Theresa's Cathedral, has been a student of MSA from Kindergarten, has excellent conduct, demonstrates the ability to help MSA and is committed to help fellow students, teachers and staff. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award and a certificate.

Incentive Awards: Awarded to the student in Grades 7, 8, 10, and 11 who achieve the highest increase in average from the previous school academic year to the current academic year. The winners are each presented with a \$500 monetary award towards the following year's tuition, and a certificate.

Garry A Madeiros Student Leadership Award: Awarded to the Grade 9, 10 or 11 student who demonstrates compassion and caring to fellow students and others he or she comes into contact with as a student of MSA. In addition this student should show respect and honesty in all interactions with fellow students, faculty, staff and administration. This student should also demonstrate the qualities of leadership, discipline, individual achievement, integrity, community mindedness and responsibility. Finally this person should be one who honors the commitments they make, who volunteers to help or be involved, and displays energy and enthusiasm as a way of life. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award towards the following year's tuition, and a certificate.

The following awards are distributed at the Graduation Ceremony to Grade 12 students.

GRADUATION AWARDS - NO CASH

The Bank of Bermuda HSBC Recruit Extraordinary People Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who has a high academic standing, a high level of effort and dedication to school work, involvement in community events, interest in the financial services industry, and plans to further their education beyond secondary school. The winner is presented with a congratulatory letter and one-year holiday employment letter.

Chartered Professional Accountants of Bermuda Outstanding Student Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who demonstrates outstanding leadership, academics and character. The winner is presented with a gift, iStore certificate, plaque and certificate.

The Paul Leslie Smith Basketball Shield: Awarded to the graduating senior student who shows team spirit in basketball, someone who is not necessarily the best player but someone who really tries hard and supports the team. The winner is presented with a plaque, medal and certificate.

Church Service/Bible Awards: Awarded to graduating senior students who have continuously served their church (either Catholic or non-Catholic) for two years (one of which has to have been the current academic year). Service can include roles such as altar server, lector, or minister of hospitality. The winners are presented with a Bible.

Outstanding Leadership: Awarded to the graduating senior student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership for the three years of high school. The winner is presented with a medal and certificate.

The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence and Commitment to Sports: Awarded for achievement, leadership and effort through significant participation in high school athletics. The winner will receive a plaque, athletic medal and certificate.

The Unsung Hero Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who gives outstanding service to MSA in technical support. The winner is presented with a certificate, medal and gift.

GRADUATION AWARDS - WITH CASH

Bermuda Electric Light Co. Ltd. Math Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who has completed Math 31 (Calculus) with the highest cumulative average in math for the four years of high school. The winner is presented with a \$750 monetary award.

Deloitte Award: Awarded to a graduating senior student who demonstrates outstanding integrity, character, leadership and academics. The winner is presented with a gift bag that includes Deloitte premiums, a physical award and a \$500 cheque towards educational endeavors.

Ernst & Young Values Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who reflects the core values of Ernst & Young. This is a person who demonstrates integrity, respect and teaming; the person with the most energy, enthusiasm and courage to lead; and the person who builds their relationships based on doing the right thing. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award and certificate.

The Price Waterhouse Cooper Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who is of excellent academic standing, with a GPA of 3.2 or above. The recipient should excel not only inside the classroom, but should also demonstrate that they are active and well-rounded. They should stand out as a leader and role model among their

peers. The recipient should be enthusiastic and self-motivated to learn and further their education. They should be accepted to at least one institution of higher education. The winner is presented with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Any additional prize will be at the discretion of the firm and announced at the graduation ceremony.

General Excellence: Awarded to the graduating senior student who has received the highest average for the year. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award, certificate and medal.

Board of Governors' Incentive Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student with the greatest increase in average between June of Grade 9 and June of Grade 12. The winner is presented with a cheque for \$500 monetary award and certificate.

Rollo Sullivan Award: Awarded to the graduating senior student who attends Mass or Worship services weekly at their church, demonstrates both interest and great effort in the study of Religion. The student should be an active participant in all aspects of school life and demonstrate outstanding school spirit throughout high school. The winner should also have contributed to the community through service or involvement in fundraising. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award, a plaque and certificate.

The Gail McCallum Kneisler "Angel on Earth" Award: Awarded to the graduate who has a big heart and is a true friend to people, has great inner strength, makes people happy just by their presence and has good grades but even better effort. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award, a plaque and certificate.

The George E. Roberts Scholarship: Awarded to a student in Grades 8, 9, 10 or 11 who is an active member of either St. Anthony's Church and who lives in Southampton. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award and a certificate.

The Home & School Association Shield for School Spirit: Awarded to the graduating senior student with outstanding school spirit. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award, plaque, medal and certificate.

The Jeffrey Castro Shield: Awarded to the graduating senior student who has the highest increase in average between June of their Grade 11 year and June of their Grade 12 year. The student must also be attending post-secondary education after graduation. The winner is presented with a monetary award in the amount of \$2,000, a shield and certificate.

The Nicholl Shield: Awarded to the graduating senior student with the highest overall academic standing at the end of his/her graduating year (the Valedictorian). The average is calculated on the following criteria:

The Valedictorian shall be the student with the highest overall academic standing at the end of his/her graduating year, based on the following courses:

- English Language Arts 10-1, ELA 10-2
- Social Studies 10-1, SS 10-2
- Two academic courses: Math 10C and Science 10
- Any two other Grade 10 subjects including appropriate Career and Technology Studies modules
- ELA 20-1, ELA 20-2
- SS 20-1, SS 20-2
- Two academic courses: Math 20-1, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20

- Any two other Grade 11 subjects including appropriate CTS modules
- ELA 30-1
- SS 30-1
- Three 30-level academic courses which may include Math 31

Notwithstanding the above, the following criteria shall also be considered in choosing the Valedictorian: (1) To be a candidate the student must be registered in or have completed a minimum of five courses at the 30/31/35 level, three of which must be diploma examination subjects and two of these must be English and Social Studies. (2) The candidates must have been registered at Mount Saint Agnes Academy for at least three school years (six semesters).

The winner is presented with a \$2,500 monetary award, a plaque, a medal for general excellence and a certificate.

The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Award: Awarded to the Salutatorian of the graduating class. The Salutatorian is the student with the second highest overall academic standing at the end of his/her graduating year (the Salutatorian). The average is calculated on criteria posted on the MSA web site. The winner is presented with a \$2,000 monetary award, a plaque, a medal for general excellence and a certificate.

The Salutatorian shall be the student with the second highest overall academic standing at the end of his/her graduating year, based on the following courses:

- English Language Arts 10-1, or ELA 10-2
- Social Studies 10-1, or SS 10-2
- Two academic courses: Math 10C and Science 10
- Any two other Grade 10 subjects including appropriate Career and Technology Studies modules
- ELA 20-1, or ELA 20-2
- SS 20-1, or SS 20-2
- Two academic courses: Math 20-1, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20
- Any two other Grade 11 subjects including appropriate CTS modules
- ELA 30-1
- SS 30-1
- Three 30-level academic courses which may include Math 31

Notwithstanding the above, the following criteria shall also be considered in choosing the Salutatorian: (1) To be a candidate the student must be registered in or have completed a minimum of five courses at the 30/31/35 level, three of which must be diploma examination subjects and two of these must be English and Social Studies. (2) The candidates must have been registered at Mount Saint Agnes Academy for at least three school years (six semesters).

The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield: Awarded to the graduating senior student who is an outstanding witness to Christian values. The winner is presented with a \$500 monetary award, a plaque and certificate.

The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart: Awarded to the graduating senior student who shows and has shown, throughout his/her high school days, outstanding integrity, school spirit, cooperation and a willingness to try. The winner is presented with a \$1,000 monetary award, a shield and a certificate.