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Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON

CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 677 s. 2026

CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR GAWAD TULAY 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. Anchored on the **Civil Service Commission's Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE)** and **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2002**, titled **Establishing the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) in the Department of Education**, this Office announces the conduct of **GAWAD TULAY 2026**, a division-level search recognizing outstanding personnel and best-performing schools.

2. Gawad Tulay 2026 aims to recognize and honor the exemplary accomplishments, dedication, innovation, and contributions of teaching, related teaching, and non-teaching personnel, as well as schools that have demonstrated outstanding performance and meaningful service to learners, personnel, and the community.

3. Specifically, Gawad Tulay 2026 aims to:
   a. recognize outstanding personnel and schools that have demonstrated exemplary performance, commitment, innovation, and service beyond the usual expectations of their respective duties;
   b. motivate teaching, related teaching, and non-teaching personnel to contribute meaningfully to the attainment of the Division's goals through improved productivity, professionalism, and performance; and
   c. promote creativity, innovation, collaboration, and a culture of excellence in the delivery of quality basic education services in the Schools Division Office of Tayabas City.

4. Consistent with the Equal Opportunity Principle, the Division PRAISE Committee shall ensure that all eligible nominees are accorded equal access, fair consideration, and objective evaluation based on the approved criteria and documentary requirements, without discrimination on the basis of age, sex, gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin, or other similar circumstances.

5. The award categories for this GAWAD TULAY 2026 are:

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No.	Individual Award Categories	Level
1	Outstanding Elementary School Teacher	K – Grade 6
2	Outstanding Secondary School Teacher	Grade 7 – 12
3	Outstanding Elementary School Master Teacher	K – Grade 6
4	Outstanding Secondary School Master Teacher	Grade 7 – 12
5	Outstanding Special Needs Education Teacher	K – Grade 12
6	Outstanding Multigrade Teacher	K – Grade 6
7	Outstanding Alternative Learning System Teacher	K – Grade 12
8	Outstanding Elementary School Head	Elementary School
9	Outstanding Secondary School Head	Secondary School
10	Outstanding Education Program Supervisor	SDO
11	Outstanding Related Teaching Personnel	SDO/School *(except school head/EPS)*
12	Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel – Level 1	SG 1-9
13	Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel – Level 2	SG 10 – 22
14	Outstanding Researcher	Elementary Level
15	Outstanding Researcher	Secondary Level
16	Outstanding Researcher	Related Teaching Personnel
17	Outstanding Researcher	Non-Teaching Personnel
No.	**School Award Categories**	**Level**
18	Best Performing Public Elementary School	Elementary Level
19	Best Performing Public Secondary School	Secondary Level

6. The proposed timeline for Gawad Tulay 2026 is attached as Enclosure No. 1. All concerned are directed to observe the prescribed deadlines to ensure the orderly and timely conduct of the search.

7. The guidelines, criteria, checklist of required documents, nomination forms, and submission link for uploading the soft copies of the nomination documents may be accessed through this link: https://tinyurl.com/GAWADTULAY2026. The hard copies of the nomination documents shall be **submitted to the Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) – Human Resource Development Section (HRDS)** within the prescribed submission period.

8. Nominations may be endorsed or submitted by the following: Cluster Supervisors, Schools Division Office (SDO) officials, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) officers, teachers, master teachers, representatives of non-government organizations (NGOs), and representatives of government organizations (GOs), subject to the applicable guidelines and eligibility requirements of the search.

9. All school clusters are enjoined to ensure representation in the major award categories by submitting qualified entries in accordance with the prescribed criteria and documentary requirements. This is to encourage wider participation, recognize exemplary performance and contributions, and ensure that deserving individuals and groups across the Division are given the opportunity to be recognized through Gawad Tulay 2026.

10. For further information and clarification, concerned personnel may coordinate with **Dr. John Cavin S. Rodil**, Senior Education Program Specialist – Human Resource Development Section (SEPS-HRDS), Schools Division Office of Tayabas City, through the Division PRAISE Committee.

11. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2002
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

GAWAD TULAY
NOMINATION

SGOD- call for nomination for gawad tulay 2026
SGOQFI11-005776/October 13, 2026

Enclosure 1

GAWAD TULAY 2026 SEARCH TIMELINE

Activity	Proposed Date	Specific Actions
Submission of nomination documents	October 15–30, 2026	Nominees and endorsing offices submit complete nomination folders in accordance with the prescribed requirements.
Verification of nomination documents	November 2-3, 2026	The Secretariat checks completeness, eligibility, and compliance with the documentary requirements.
Stage 1: Screening and evaluation of nomination folders	November 5-6 and 9, 2026	The Division PRAISE Committee evaluates the submitted documents based on the approved criteria and scoring system.
Announcement of qualified nominees	November 10, 2026	Qualified nominees are notified through official communication.
Stage 2: Validation of accomplishments and supporting documents	November 11–18, 2026	The assigned validators verify the nominees' claims and supporting evidence. School validation may be conducted when applicable.
Stage 3: Panel interview, presentation, or additional assessment	November 19–27, 2026	Qualified nominees undergo the applicable assessment prescribed for their respective award categories.
Final evaluation and deliberation	December 1-4, 2026	The Division PRAISE Committee consolidates results, reviews scores, and deliberates on the recommended awardees.
Submission of final recommendations for approval	December 7, 2026	The Division PRAISE Committee submits its recommendations to the Schools Division Superintendent for approval.
Gawad Tulay 2026 Awarding Ceremony	December 17, 2026	Recognition and Awarding Ceremony

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