



# RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TO FOSTER ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: THE ED-REAP EXCELLENCE AWARD



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## ED-REAP

- Ethiopian Diaspora (ED) for Research and Education Advancement through Partnership

### MISSION

The mission of ED-REAP is to create a **network of ED and friends of Ethiopia scholars** that would serve as a think-tank group to create, co-ordinate and foster partnerships between ED and their host institutions with Ethiopian higher learning and research institutions to advance research and education.

### VISION

The organization envisions a **linkage** of the vast scholarly resources of the **ED and friends of Ethiopia** with appropriate **Ethiopian higher learning and research institutions** to help with

- Improving Quality of **Education**
- Facilitating Collaborative **Research**
- Creating Effective **Partnerships**

### GOALS

#### Improving Quality of Education

- teach short term graduate/undergrad courses
- Advise graduate students/external examiner
- coordinate continuing long distance education/training programs with US institutions

#### Facilitating Collaborative Research

- promote culture of research in higher learning and research institutions of Ethiopia
- provide advice on effective ways to create and maintain research infrastructure and use of data for informing policy

- participate in joint research activities

#### Creating Effective Partnerships

- Initiate sustainable partnerships between US and Ethiopian universities

#### Executive Committee Members

Drs. Solomon Abraham, Kiros Berhane, Mekonnen G. Michael, Hailemariam G.Selassie, Mulugeta Gebregziabher, Henry Schaffer, Tsegga Medhin

## ED-REAP Excellence Award

### PROGRAM:

ED-REAP, in compliance with its vision, mission, and objectives, has established **The ED-REAP Excellence Award Program** to recognize highly qualified student(s) graduating from undergraduate degree programs of Ethiopian Universities and Colleges.

The program recognizes highly qualified student(s) graduating from the undergraduate programs of selected Ethiopian universities each year (with a goal of including all Ethiopian universities as more financial resources become available).

Two awards will be given annually from each university and the key objective criteria for assessing sustained excellence and being selected as winner will be cumulative GPA (CGPA).

### PURPOSE:

The main purpose of the Excellence Award is **to inspire students to excel in their academic endeavor by providing recognition to highly qualified students** graduating from the undergraduate programs who are currently enrolled in various departments of public Universities in Ethiopia.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- To be eligible for the Excellence Award, a student must be a graduating senior (i.e. enrolled in the final year second semester) with the **highest final CGPA** across all faculties and schools.
- Two awardees, **a male and a female**, will be selected from each university based on CGPA.

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### PROCEDURES/STEPS FOR SELECTION:

- The university will announce a call for the award.
- The candidates will submit a motivation letter annexed with documents explaining why he/she should win the award besides to their CGPA.
- The dean of each college will identify the eligible students with the highest CGPA to Academic Vice president of each university.
- University Management will identify the students according to the eligibility criteria shown above, and forward the list (along with student transcripts) to ED-REAP president.
- After reviewing the nominations, ED-REAP Leadership will decide on the awardee(s).
- ED-REAP President will notify University Management of the awardee(s).
- University Management will send an Excellence Award Notification to the awardee(s).

### AWARD FEATURES:

- The Award consists of **Certificate of ED-REAP Excellence Award**, and a **maximum monetary prize of Birr 3,000 for each awardee**.
- In the event that there are ties or more than one eligible candidate, the eligibility will consider the following criteria to identify the winner:
- Extra-curricular activity engagement (25% for non-political club membership, 25% for executive and coordinator level participation in non-political clubs and institutions, 50% for free community service which includes service as student union, free service in library, forestation, discipline, mentoring fellow students, tutorial service to high school students, and other related engagements. These have to be supported by official letters.
- The Excellence award should be given in a colorful manner by preparing a ceremonial program. (Graduation day can be one choice).

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### OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each University is responsible for a 100% payment (i.e. without any overhead deduction) to the awardee(s).
- If the recipient fails to collect his/her award within 6 months, his/her award will be revoked. And the money returned to a designated ED-REAP account.

### WINNERS FOR 2013-14 CALENDAR

- ADIGRAT UNIVERSITY**
  - ADUGNA DAWIT FARA (CGPA=3.95) **BIOLOGY**
  - AGER WONDIE DAGAW (CGPA=3.88) **MATHS**
- AKSUM UNIVERSITY**
  - TEMESGE TILAHUN (CGPA=3.99) **MATHS**
  - TSEGA TESHLE (CGPA=3.90) **BIOLOGY**
- MEKELLE UNIVERSITY**
  - Male category: To be Announced
  - Female Category: To be Announced

### FUTURE PLANS

We plan to expand to all Ethiopian Universities and need financial resources. **You can help!**

**PAYPAL:** [ED-REAP](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.ed-reap.org/)

**BANK acct:** **Wells Fargo** (routing# 053000219, acct#: 6888426571)

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