



COUNCIL OF INDIA SOCIETIES OF EDMONTON

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INDIA DAY – AWARD GUIDELINES- 2026

1.Academic Honors Award- 2026

a. **Elementary:** A student must have a minimum **‘A’ grade or 80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science)

b. **Junior High:** A student must receive a minimum **80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science)

c. **High School:** A student must receive a minimum **80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science)

Copy of transcript/report card of the final exam must be attached with the application (PDF)

All entries for marks must be a minimum of 80% or higher or excellent.

Students, who are applying for Academic Excellence Award, do NOT apply for Academic Honors Award.

***For High School students, please enter the average of however many science courses taken (of Physics, Chemistry, Biology) in the science marks column**

Please note:

- 1. Please fill out a separate application if you are applying for more than one award.**
- 2. Completed application (with supporting documentation) must be received by the Council of India Societies of Edmonton by 11:59 PM MST, December 14th (Sunday), 2025.**
- 3. The application *MUST* be submitted *ONLINE only* (visit the CISE website for the online submission procedure). *DO NOT SUBMIT BOTH ONLINE AND PAPER COPIES. E-mail applications will not be accepted or considered.* Applications will only be accepted through the forms on our Website.**

4. For any of the above awards, the candidate must be: i) a full-time student, ii) from the East Indian community, iii) a resident of Alberta in the Red Deer region and further north. All achievements, grades, certificates, or distinctions must have been obtained in the academic year 2024-2025, except for Academic Excellence, CISE Exemplary Citizenship Award and Talent Recognition for students with Special Needs where past work will also be considered.
5. Please read the eligibility criteria thoroughly before completing the application. Furnish copies of transcript/report card and other documents. An incomplete application without proper supporting documents will **NOT** be considered. **DO NOT** send originals.
6. **A student will only receive ONE award, If applying for both Academic Honors and Academic Excellence award categories, applicants will receive the highest award they qualify for.**
7. **The Award Committee's decision will be final and binding.**

2, Academic Excellence Award- 2026

- a. **Junior High:** Students completed Grade 9 in June 2024, who have maintained **80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science) in each of the academic years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024, 2024-2025) are eligible for this award.
- b. **High School:** Students Graduated in June 2024, who have maintained **80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science) in each of the academic years (2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025) are eligible for this award.

Please upload all the transcript received from Grade 10 - 12 (both semesters)

All mark entries must be a minimum of 80% or higher or excellent.

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3. Distinctive Achievement Award- 2026

A student who has won distinction (1st, 2nd or 3rd prize) in Music, Drama, Debate, Mathematics and Science competition, Arts, Athletics, or any other extra-curricular field is eligible. The distinction must have been won in an open competition and must be at the municipal, provincial, or national level. Regular graduation from an institution or the obtaining of a high grade in itself, in any one of these fields, will not be considered sufficient for this award. **Kumon and other equivalents will not be considered for the distinctive achievement. Copy of the certificate/award/prize and Academic year 2024-2025 transcripts must be provided.** A student must receive a minimum of 80% **or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science).

Please upload the copies of relevant certificates/awards received between July 2024-2025 in support of the application.

This award is open to Junior High and High School students ONLY.

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- 5. Please read the eligibility criteria thoroughly before completing the application. Furnish copies of transcript/report card and other documents. An incomplete application without proper supporting documents will **NOT** be considered. **DO NOT** send originals.**
- 6. A student will only receive ONE award for distinctive achievement each academic year**
- 7. The Award Committee's decision will be final and binding.**

4.CISE Exemplary Citizenship Award- 2026

A High School/ Post Secondary student who has i) displayed good citizenship, ii) done exemplary community services, and iii) obtained an average of at least **80% or more in all four (4) core subjects** (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science), are eligible.

The minimum GPA requirement for Post-Secondary students will be a 2.7 GPA (out of 4) or

equivalent as full-time student for Undergraduate and Graduate students based on the full-time student status for the last two academic terms (Fall/Winter 2023-2024 academic year).

The details of the community service and citizenship demonstrated duly supported by testimonials from awarding institutions and others should accompany the application.

High School, Post-Secondary - Undergraduate & Graduate students are eligible to apply for this award.

Please upload the transcript received in June 2025. All entries in the grade table must be at least 80% or excellent.

Copy of the Academic year 2024 - 2025 transcript and Proof of Community services must be provided.

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5. Talent Recognition Award for students with Special Needs

A student who has documented as a student with special needs(disability) in Alberta School divisions and has proved their talents in Music, Drama, Mathematics, Science, Arts, Athletics, or any other extra-curricular field is eligible. The talents could have been proved at any level (school or any other place). . Regular graduation from an institution or the obtaining of a high grade in itself, in any one of these fields, will not be considered sufficient for this award..**Copy of the certificate/award/prize from any of the past three academic years 2022-2023, 2023-24, 2024-25 must be provided.**

Please upload the copy of the relevant certificate/award/prize received between July 2022- June 2025 in support of the application. A letter from the school administration (Principal/Vice-Principal) recognizing the extraordinary work done by the students in the above mentioned fields will be considered as a supporting document if applicable

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- 5. Please read the eligibility criteria thoroughly before completing the application. Furnish copies of transcript/report card and other documents. An incomplete application without proper supporting documents will **NOT** be considered. **DO NOT** send originals.**
- 6. A student will only receive ONE award for Talent Recognition for students with Special Needs each academic year**

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6. Post-secondary Achievement Award- 2026

Postgraduate graduate students are eligible to apply for this award provided the GPA requirement mentioned below has been achieved.

Undergraduate Students:

Minimum 3.3 GPA (out of 4) or equivalent on 24 credits for the last two academic terms (Fall/Winter 2024-2025 academic year).

Graduate Students:

Minimum 3.5 GPA (out of 4) or equivalent on the last two academic terms (2024-2025 academic year).

Please upload the most recent transcript received.

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7. CISE Special Recognition Award- 2026

Nominations are being sought for this special award. A nominee must be 25 years of age or older and be an Alberta resident for at least the past 3 years. A nominee must have exhibited a positive impact on the Indo Canadian community and have shown excellence in any field of human endeavor. This may include, but is not limited to: (i) Community service, (ii) Research/Innovation, (iii) Performing Arts, and (iv) Sports

Any relevant documents in support of the Award Nomination should be provided.

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