



**Pacific Union Conference**

## **THE "CARING HEART AWARD"**

### **A Christian Service Recognition Award For Secondary Students**

#### **PURPOSE**

Teaching young people to be actively involved in witnessing and service activities is central to the educational goals of the school and to the mission of the church. For this reason, the secondary student "Caring Heart Award" for Christian service has been established to give recognition to those secondary students who have demonstrated a personal commitment to active participatory service and witnessing activities and programs.

Through the "Caring Heart Award" for Christian service, the importance of witnessing-service activities will be emphasized and given appropriate recognition along with academic, athletic, music, and other school awards and honors. It is the purpose of this award to not only give appropriate recognition, but to foster increased awareness and participation in witnessing-service activities by all students.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING AWARD WINNERS**

Potential recipients of the "Caring Heart Award" for Christian service will be identified and nominated by staff members, pastor/campus chaplain, student leaders, or the school witnessing-outreach coordinator. The final screening and selection of the award recipient will be by a selection committee at each senior academy in the Pacific Union Conference comprised of the principal, Bible teacher(s), witnessing-outreach coordinator, guidance counselor or dean, and one or two student representatives.

In selecting the award recipient, the selection committee should choose a full-time junior or senior student with a strong citizenship record who has given evidence of a personal commitment to witnessing-service activities by exhibiting initiative and responsibility for carrying through on such activities. The student, through participation in witnessing-service activities, should serve as an overall example on the campus. Criteria to be considered might include significant and varied participation in service-type activities, witnessing experiences, and mission trips (inside and/or outside the country).

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### **NUMBER OF AWARDS**

The Pacific Union Conference Office of Education will provide one student at each senior academy with a "Caring Heart Award" certificate and \$500 scholarship, accompanied by a plaque and engraved Bible provided by the North American Division Office of Education. This \$500 scholarship may be used by the recipient to participate in a mission service activity either inside or outside the country or the scholarship award may be used towards the recipient's tuition at the Adventist school of their choice. The award is non-transferable.

The organization or school accepting the scholarship award certificate will sign it in the appropriate place and send it to the Pacific Union Conference for a reimbursement check.

### **AWARD CEREMONY**

It is requested that the school present the "Caring Heart Award" for Christian service at the same time as all other scholarships and awards are presented during graduation weekend at the school. Where possible, the award should be made by the principal, campus chaplain, or witnessing-outreach coordinator, along with appropriate remarks for the importance of this aspect of a student's education. The award to the student will consist of a plaque, engraved Bible, and scholarship given at the time of recognition.

### **CONDITIONS AND TIMELINES**

1. The academies will submit the name of their selected award recipient to the Pacific Union Conference Office of Education by **March 1**.
2. The Pacific Union Conference Office of Education will send a list of all award recipients to the North American Division Office of Education by **March 15**.
3. NADOE will prepare the "Caring Heart Award" plaques and Bibles in the students' names and send them to the union offices by **April 15** in time for graduation services.
4. The Pacific Union Conference Office of Education will prepare the "Caring Heart Award" scholarship certificates and send these along with the plaques and Bibles to the academies.
5. The organizations or schools receiving the consigned \$500 scholarship award certificates should send the signed certificates to the Pacific Union Conference Office of Education in exchange for a check in the same amount. **Award certificates must be redeemed by December 1**.