

# **Holy Quran Tahbeer and its Sciences Award**

10th edition- Year of Sustainability 2024-1445H

# **Award Guide**



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# Vision

An understanding of the Holy Quran and consolidating the values of mercy, tolerance and coexistence

# Mission

The award shall serve as a platform for the dissemination of Islamic values and behaviors rooted in the principles of tolerance, justice, love, affection, and human fraternity, rejecting extremist ideologies, promoting respect for others, consolidating good principles and encouraging positive citizenship among all individuals within their respective societies.

# **Objectives**

- Encourage Muslims to compete in the recitation, tajweed (intonation) and sciences of the Holy Quran.
- Direct young people to understand the spirit of Islam, moderation, and Islam's humanitarian message for the world at large.

# Terms

Tahbeer	Improvement of voice.	
People of determination	People with special needs.	
Senior citizens	Citizens of the UAE who are 60 years of age or older.	



The Holy Quran Tahbeer and its Science Award was launched with the vision of Lt. Gen. H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior back in 2015, to be a platform from the UAE to the world. It came to be an addition to other platforms encouraging and urging young people and youth to understand and study the Holy Quran, and to spread the values of tolerance. The award is an innovative means of communication between the people of the earth through interaction and participation with others in a meaningful competitive framework. The award adopts modern methods and technologies enabling all nationalities and ages to take part in the process. Categories of the award vary to include all age groups and all nationalities from around the world, as participants can compete in the recitation of the Holy Quran and knowledge of its sciences, thus contributing to spreading the sublime values and objectives of the award in all its categories.

# Major Achievements

Rising number of participants in the last four editions: 1441 A.H -2020 (6<sup>th</sup> edition), 3394 participants from 58 countries around the world 1442 A.H -2021 (7<sup>th</sup> edition), 5407 participants from 81 countries around the world 1443 A.H -2022 (8<sup>th</sup> edition), 6816 participants from 79 countries around the world 1444 A.H -2023 (9<sup>th</sup> edition), 4626 participants from 79 countries around the world

# **Award Foreword**

Ramadan, the month of goodness and blessings, is dawning upon us, and here we meet you again in a new edition of the Holy Quran Tahbeer and its Science Award. It is an intellectual and informative encounter where hearts wholeheartedly meet in fraternity, love, and humanity. We come together in love for the Holy Quran, delving deep into its sciences and illuminated by its light. We also gather with participants from all over the globe and various regions of the world.

This award, launched in the UAE and sponsored, supported and followed up by Lt. Gen. H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, has become an intellectual beacon encouraging young people to seek knowledge about the Quranic sciences and recitation, instil positive behaviors, promote moderation and centrism, and build a generation of Muslims who are proud of their faith and humaneness.

On this noble journey, let us go hand in hand on this path of kindness, working together to elevate humanity and uphold the values of the nation and coexistence.



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# Award Management and Governance Structure

To ensure that the award is managed at the global level in a distinct and pioneering manner and that governance is in place, several committees and work teams were created. They were assigned specific and clear tasks and duties. These committees are as follows:



### General Terms and Conditions for the Best Recitation Award

To ensure the award is managed in a fair, impartial and transparent manner, terms and conditions shall apply to contestants. Participations will be checked to ensure they comply with the terms and conditions of each category, and in the event of non-compliance, the participation shall be screened out.

1. Both males and females are permitted to take part in the award once they meet the conditions.

2. The contestant is only permitted to participate in the best recitation

competition exclusively, with the exception of the cultural contest, Sustainable Giving - 52 questions where they may also compete.

3. The participant should not participate in a category in which he won the first three places in the previous editions.

4. The contestant may not have published records.

5. The participant should not practice the profession of imam or memorization of the Quran.

6. Contestants compete in the following categories:

- Best Recitation Category All nationalities (Inside and Outside the UAE)
- Best Recitation Category Citizens (for UAE Nationals)
- Best Recitation Category People of Determination (for UAE Nationals)
- Best Recitation Category Senior Citizens (for UAE nationals)

7. In the children's category, the required age must be less than 13 years old.

8. In the Senior Citizen Category, contestants must be 60 years or more.

9. The committee has the right to take whatever it deems appropriate when the participant violates the terms and conditions mentioned.

## How to Register

The participants must enter the website **www.tahbeer.ae** and register through the link on the (registration) page and fill out the participation form with the required data accurately, then upload the video for recitation in a clear voice for a period not exceeding 3 minutes.

You can also register on the WhatsApp number : +971 54 550 9914

**Note:** Please register using only one of the aforementioned methods, either by registering through the website by clicking on the registration form, or by contacting via the WhatsApp number, where you will be informed of the required data directly.

### General Terms and Conditions for the Best Azan

1. Contestants must be male and either citizens or residents of the UAE.

- 2. Contestants must be at least 15 years old to be eligible.
- 3. Contestants cannot be practicing the profession of imam or muezzin.

4. Contestants are not allowed to participate in any other competitions alongside the best azan competition, except for the cultural competition, Sustainable Giving - 52 questions, where they are permitted to do so.

5. The Jury reserves the right to take appropriate action if a contestant breaches the terms and conditions outlined herein.

#### General Terms and Conditions for Sustainable Giving Competition

An international Ramadan cultural competition:

1. Participants are required to provide responses to all questions and complete the necessary information via the competition's designated website.

2. Entries are welcomed from all enthusiastic individuals, both within the country and from abroad.



Award launch -20 Sha'ban 1445A.H (1 March 2024)

**Evaluation of participations** 1 Ramadan 1445 A.H.

10 Ramadan 1445 AH.

**End of registration** 

Final rounds 11-15 Ramadan 1445 A.H.

> Closing ceremony and announcing results Last 10 days of Ramdan

Receiving applications 20 Sha'ban – 10 Ramadan 1445 A.H.

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Categories

Tahbeer Award includes fifteen categories classified as males, females, children and senior citizens as well the general public. For each category, terms, conditions and criteria have been set. Contestants must review them thoroughly.





#### Best Azan (Call to Prayer)

#### About the competition:

An exclusive competition inviting males to showcase their mastery in reciting the call to prayer with the most captivating and resonant voices. It is for the UAE citizens and residents.

#### **Best Recitation – Senior Citizens (Males and Females)**

#### About the competition:

A unique contest designed exclusively for senior citizens in the UAE, including both men and women, showcasing their melodious recitation of the Holy Quran. This initiative aims to honor and nurture this esteemed segment of the community.

# Sustainable Giving Competition: An international cultural Ramadan competition

#### About the competition:

A competition comprising 52 diverse questions covering national, cultural, social, and legal themes, accessible to participants worldwide via the award's official website.

The competition is open for all ages from the UAE and abroad.

# Criteria

The Holy Quran Recitation Category (males - females - children - people of determination-senior citizens)

This category is for contestants that master the rules of recitation and intonation (tajweed) and adapt the beauty of the voice and performance. It consists of (3) independent subcategories (males - females - children), in addition to the People of Determination category, which is for UAE nationals only, males, females and children as well as the senior citizens category, which is for UAE nationals only, males, females only, males, females.

Element	Criterion	Weight
Application of recitation and tajweed rules and control of pause and initiation %35	Recitation and tajweed	%15
	Control of pause	%12.5
	Control of initiation	%7.5
	Diacritics and beauty of voice	%30
Beauty of voice and performance %65	Acoustic wideness in terms of pitches	%10
	Correct initiation	%5
	Correct closing	%5
	Correct segueing between pitches and lack of cacophony	%5
	Self Control (interruption and throttling)	%5
	Pensive recitation	%5

#### Total: 100 %



#### **Sermons Category**

In this male-only competition, the best preacher shall be selected. It aims to develop sermon delivering and recitation skills, discover their oratory talents, and open competition in this field. This category is intended for participants in the UAE.

#### **Conditions of participation for this category**

1. The contestant must be male, and a citizen or resident of the UAE.

2. The competitor must adhere to the pre-written sermon.

3. The sermon should be delivered in correct Arabic language and in an expressive oratory style.

4. Duration of sermon should not exceed three minutes.

5. The competitor should not be more than 13 years old in the children category.

6. The age of the participant in the youth category must not be less than 13 years old and not more than 18 years old.

7. The contestant is only permitted to participate in the best recitation competition exclusively, with the exception of the cultural contest, Sustainable Giving - 52 questions where they may also compete.

Criterion	Weight
Correct pronunciation and the articulation of letters	25
Correct grammar	25
Correct pause and continuation	
Expressive speech	
Body language	
Good appearance and maintaining the national dress of each country	10



### Best Azan (Call to Prayer)

Element	Criterion	Weight
Sweetness of Voice Skills %60	Voice sweetness, conveying meaning, influencing listeners	%30
	Precise start and finish, impactful closures	%5
	Mastery of breath: hold duration, avoiding choking	%10
	Expanding sound and the voice space of the muezzin's larynx	%15
Vocal Maqams %15	Vocal modulation up and down and good transition between vocal pitches (bass, medium and sharp)	%15
Proper pronunciation of letters, without mispronunciation %15	Proper pronunciation of letters, without mispronunciation	%15
Polished appearance %10	Polished appearance	%10

### Total: 100 %

# **Unified sermon: Sustainable giving**

الحَمْدُ للهِ المُتَفَضِّل بِالنِّعَمِ وَالآلاءِ، حَثَّ عِبَادَهُ عَلَى اسْتِدَامَةِ العَطَاءِ، وَالصَّلاةُ وَالسَّلامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ إِمَامِ الأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ البَرَرَةِ الأَصْفِيَاءِ، أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَأُوصِيكُمْ عِبَادَ اللهِ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، قَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ: ر**وَمَا تَفْعَلُواْ مِنْ خَيْر يَعْلَمْهُ** اللَّهُ وَتَزَوَّدُواْ فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُوْلِي الأَلْبَابِ(١).

أَيُّهَا المُؤْمِنُونَ: إنَّ اسْتِدَامَةَ العَطَاءِ قِيمَةٌ شَرْعِيَّةٌ، وَرَكِيزَةٌ حَضَارِيَّةٌ، لِيَكُونَ المُؤْمِنُ دَائِمَ الخَيْرِ، كَثِيرَ النَّفْع، كَالشَّجَرَةِ الَّتِي لا يَنْقَطِعُ ثَمَرُهَا، وَلا يَنْعَدِمُ نَفْعُهَا، فَهُوَ يُوَاظِبُ عَلَى الأَعْمَال الصَّالِحَةِ، وَيُدَاوِمُ عَلَى الأَخْلاقِ الفَاضِلَةِ، وَيُحَافِظُ عَلَى المَوَارِدِ وَالثَّرَوَاتِ، وَقَدْ أَمَرَ اللهُ تَعَالَى بِذَلِكَ فَقَالَ: ا**وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ**](2)، أَيْ: وَاظِبْ عَلَى الْعَمَل الصَّالِح وَاجْتَهِدْ فِيهِ مَا دُمْتَ حَيًّا(¿)، وَهَذَا هُوَ مَنْهَجُ الأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالمُرْسَلِينَ، فَقَدْ سُئِلَتْ أُمُّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَائِشَةُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا: أَىُّ العَمَل كَانَ أَحَبَّ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ؟ فقَالَتْ: «**الدَّائِمُ**»(4)، وَمَنْ لَزِمَ الاسْتِدَامَةَ كَتَبَ اللهُ لَهُ الأَجْرَ فِي كُلِّ حَالٍ، قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «**إذَا مَرِضَ العَبْدُ أَوْ سَافَرَ** كُتِبَ لَهُ مِثْلُ مَا كَانَ يَعْمَلُ مُقِيمًا صَحِيحًا»(5).

عِبَادَ اللهِ إِنَّ أَبْوَابَ الاسْتِدَامَةِ كَثِيرَةُ، وَمَجَالاتُهَا عَدِيدَةُ، فَقَدْ أَثْنَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى المُدَاوِمِينَ عَلَى صَلَوَاتِهِمْ، فَقَالَ: ا**الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى صَلَاتِهِمْ دَائِمُونَ**اí)، وَحَثَّ عَلَى بِرِّ الوَالِدَيْن، وَصِلَةِ الأَرْحَامِ، وَرِعَايَةِ الجيرَانِ، وَالإحْسَانِ لِلْمُحْتَاجِينَ، وَالعَطَاءِ فِي كَافَّةِ المَيَادِينِ، فَمَا أَجْمَلَ أَنْ نُوَاظِبَ عَلَى ذَلِكَ، وَنَجْعَلَهُ مَنْهَجًا مُسْتَدَامًا فِي حَيَاتِنَا، وَأَنْ نَقِفَ مَعَ قِيَادَتِنَا الحَكِيمَةِ، مُسَاهِمِينَ فِي رفْعَةِ دَوْلَتِنَا، وَاسْتِدَامَةِ مَوَاردِنَا، وَالمُحَافَظَةِ عَلَى بِيئَتِنَا، لِتَدُومَ لَنَا وَلِلْأَجْيَال مِنْ بَعْدِنَا. هَذَا وَصَلّ اللَّهُمَّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمْ عَلَى دَوْلَةِ الْإِمَارَاتِ الْأَمَانَ وَالِاسْتِقْرَارَ، والرُّقِيَّ وَالاِزْدِهَارَ، وعُمَّ اللَّهُمَّ الْعَالَمَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالسَّلَامِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ وَالِاطْمِئْنَانِ اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ رَئِيسَ الدَّوْلَةِ الشَّيْخِ مُحَمَّد بْن زَايد، وَنُوَّابَهُ وَإِخْوَانَهُ حُكَّامَ الْإِمَارَاتِ، وَوَلِيَّ عَهْدِهِ الْأَمِينَ؛ لِمَا تُحِبُّهُ وَتَرْضَاهُ. اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمِ الشَّيْخ زَايد، وَالشَّيخ راشد، وَالْقَادَةَ الْمُؤَسِّسِينَ، وَالشَّيخ مَكْتُوم، وَالشَّيخ خَلِيفَة بْن زَايد، وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ بِفَضْلِكَ فَسِيحَ جَنَّاتِكَ، وَاشْمَلْ شُهَدَاءَ الْوَطَن بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَغُفْرَانِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. (**وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ**)(7).



# **Prizes and Honoring Winners**

Participants and winners will receive certificates of appreciation from the General Secretariat of the Award in recognition of their efforts and contribution to the success of this edition of the award. A valuable financial prize was also allocated for the best (3) contestants under each category. Financial values shown in the following table are in AED.

Best Recitation Award – Emirati	Prizes for every category
Males	1 <sup>st</sup> winner 30,000 AED
Females	2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 20,000 AED
Children (Below 13 years old)	3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 10,000 AED
Best Recitation Award - All Nationalities	Prizes for every category
Males	1 <sup>st</sup> winner 30,000 AED
Females	2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 20,000 AED
Children (Below 13 years old)	3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 10,000 AED
Best Recitation Award - People of Determination (Emirati)	n Prizes for every category
Males	1 <sup>st</sup> winner 30,000 AED
Females	2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 20,000 AED
Children (Below 13 years old)	3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 10,000 AED
Sermons Award - Emirati and Residents	Prizes for every category
Youth (13-18 years old)	1 <sup>st</sup> winner 15,000 AED
Children (Below 13 years old)	2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 10,000 AED
	3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 5,000 AED
Best Recitation Award Best Recitation Award	Best Azan Competition
Senior Citizens (Male) Senior Citizens (Female)	1 <sup>st</sup> winner 30,000 AED
1 <sup>st</sup> winner 30,000 AED	2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 20,000 AED
2 <sup>nd</sup> winner 20,000 AED	3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 10,000 AED
3 <sup>rd</sup> winner 10,000 AED	
4 <sup>th</sup> winner 5,000 AED	Sustainable Giving Competition
5 <sup>th</sup> winner 5,000 AED	10 awards, AED 5000 each

# Mechanism of Evaluation and Judging Contestants

Committees and work teams, upon receipt of the nominations, shall check and sort them according to the terms and conditions. Then, the Evaluation Committee will begin the initial evaluation of nominations and come up with a short list (shortlisting nominations according to the best contestants). (Shortlisted) contestants will be interviewed to recognize contestants qualified to win. The jury will then review, discuss and assess the outcomes of the Evaluation Committee to agree on and approve contestants.



# Contact Us

For more details and to follow up on all matters related to participation in the award, please contact us using the following communication channels:

