The Council of the Cultural Foundation shall give out three educational awards to the value of 4,793, 3,515 and 2,876 euros (75,000, 55,000 and 45,000 Estonian kroons, respectively; the accurate exchange rate will be applied upon transfer of the award), which is funded by Sampo Bank.

The Cultural Foundation is awaiting applications from all the people connected with the field of education at all levels of study, people who have achieved outstanding results as teachers, faculty members, directors of educational institutions, compilers of textbooks and methodological materials, by initiating and implementing practical innovations in the field of education, or by developing educational policy as an education official.

In the context of the President of the Republic's Special Physical Sciences Award, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, bioinformatics and gene technology are considered physical sciences. The value of the President of the Republic's Special Physical Sciences Award shall be 3,834 euros (60,000 Estonian kroons, the accurate exchange rate will be applied upon transfer of the award). The award is being funded by Skype Estonia.

The President of the Republic's Special Physical Sciences Award will be presented to people who have excelled as teachers and/or faculty members of physical sciences at any educational stage; whose students have been recognised in international competitions or achieved good results in physical sciences competitions; who have compiled physical sciences textbooks and methodological materials; or who have initiated and implemented practical innovations in the course of teaching physical sciences.

In order to nominate a candidate, the following must be submitted: a written application with personal information (name, address, education, and work experience), a detailed description of the activities being submitted for the award along with recommendations from the candidate's employer or working collective, professional, occupational or specialised association(s).

Nominations can be submitted by the people who correspond to the aforementioned requirements themselves, or by their employers, training and educational institutions, school and university students as well as associations dealing with the field of education.

All the required documents should be sent to the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation at A. Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn, or with a digital signature by e-mail to <u>vpinfo</u> <u>@vpk.ee</u>

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The closing date for the receipt of nominations is 30 September 2011 (date on postmark included).

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