

7. NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD:

7.1 Objectives of the award:

- a. To motivate young persons (aged between 15 – 29 years) to achieve excellence in the field of national development or social service.
- b. To encourage young people to develop a sense of responsibility to the community and thus to improve their own personal potential as good citizens.
- c. To give recognition to the outstanding work done by voluntary organizations working with the youth for national development and / or social service.

7.2 Description of the award:

- a. The award shall be given for identifiable excellent work for youth in different fields of development activities and social service such as health, research and innovation, culture, promotion of human rights, art and literature, tourism, traditional medicine, active citizenship, community service, sports and academic excellence & smart learning.
- b. The number of awards given each year would ordinarily not exceed 25. It may, however, vary at the discretion of the sanctioning authority in deserving case.
- c. Up to ten youth organization award would be given to voluntary organizations engaged in involvement of youth in various programmes of national development as indicated in 7.2a.
- d. Award to individuals will comprise a medal, a certificate and Rs. 50,000/- cash. Award to voluntary youth organizations will comprise a medal, a certificate and Rs. 2,00,000/- cash. The individuals will receive the prizes in their traditional attire.

7.3 Conditions of Eligibility:

7.3.1 For individuals:

- a. He/She must be a citizen of India.
- b. He/She should be between the ages of 15 – 29 years as on 1st January of the current year at the time of nomination.
- c. He/She should have done extra-ordinary identifiable social work.
- d. The award will be conferred once in a lifetime.
- e. Persons employed in any government service i.e. with the Central/State Governments, PSUs/Universities, Colleges/Schools, etc. are not eligible for the award.

7.3.2 For Voluntary Organizations:

- a. Be registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 (Act XXII of 1860) for the last three years or under corresponding State Act and have proper constitution or Articles of Association;
- b. Have a properly constituted managing body with its powers and duties clearly defined

ceremony on a convenient date and time to be announced every year.

- a. The awardees shall be invited to receive the award in persons.
- b. The awardees would be given TA / DA by AC 2-tier return rail fare and arrangements for their stay would be made by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Differently abled awardees are entitled to travel along with an escort. Escorts will also be given TA/DA at par with the awardees.
- c. Awardees from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, North-Eastern region (including Sikkim) and Jammu & Kashmir may be allowed air fare on both ways to the nearest airport of the venue of the award.

7.7 **General:** The Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is competent to amend this code at its discretion without any prior notice whatsoever.

- a. Necessary funds for the awards and for all expenses incidental thereto as approved by the Government shall be provided by Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- b. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will be final and binding on all concerned.
- c. The secretariat for the award shall be provided by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.