

# **NATIONAL CHILD AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Government of India from time to time has been instituting awards for individuals and organizations who have done outstanding work for the welfare and development of children. Awards have also been instituted for honouring children who have been shown exemplary courage at the risk of their own lives.

The Department has for some time been thinking of instituting Awards to give recognition to children with exceptional abilities and who have achieved outstanding status in various fields including academics, art, culture and sports etc.

This Awards will be known as the “**NATIONAL CHILD AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**”

## **GUIDELINES**

### **SCOPE**

Children between the age of 4 to 15 years who have shown an exceptional achievement in any field including academics, arts and culture and sports etc. will be considered for this Award. One Gold Medal and 35 Silver Medals (one for each State/UT) are to be given annually.

### **NATURE OF AWARDS**

The Awards for the child with exceptional achievements shall consist of:-

#### **(A) Gold Medal – 1 (One)**

- (i) a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-
- (ii) a citation and certificates, and
- (iii) a Gold Medal

#### **(B) Silver Medals – 35 (Thirty –five)**

- (i) Award money @ Rs. 10,000/- for each awardee.
- (ii) a citation and certificate for each awardee, and
- (iii) a Silver Medal for each awardee.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The selection will be made by a National Selection Committee out of the cases recommended by various bodies

**The National Selection Committee** will consist of the following persons:-

1	Minister of State in the Department of Women & Child Development	Chairperson
2	Secretary, WCD	Member
3	Secretary or his Nominee in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
4	Secretary or his Nominee in the Department of Education	Member
5	Secretary or his Nominee in the Department of Culture	Member
6	Secretary or his Nominee in the Department of YA & Sports	Member
7	Joint Secretary (NCD) Department of Women & Child Development	Member
8	Director (CW), Department of Women & Child Development	Member -Secretary

### **RECOMMENDING AUTHORITIES**

The application should be recommended by State/U.T. Departments, any Department of Government of India/District Authority, Local Self Government (Panchayat, Zilla Parishad, Municipal Corporation etc) Experts in the field, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assemblies/Legislative Councils and reputed Voluntary Organizations.

### **DATE OF RECEIPT OF RECOMMENDATION**

Particulars of the child recommended for the Award should be furnished in the proforma given at Annexure. Recommendations received after 31<sup>st</sup> July may not be considered.

The National Selection Committee may, at its discretion, also consider individuals other than those recommended by a State Governments/U.T Administration, for the Award.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- (i) The Child is to be selected for the Award should have shown unusual talent and exceptional achievement in any field including academics, arts, culture and sports etc.
- (ii) Age certificate (Date of Birth) duly attested by a Gazetted Government office may be attached.
- (iii) A tributes/traits which are claimed to be possessed by the child extraordinary or exceptional should be either reported in the Press, or have been tested by

experts in the field. It should also be possible to subject the claim to a objective test.

### **DATE OF AWARD**

The Award will be announced on 14<sup>th</sup> November each year and will be given away in New Delhi on a date and time convenient to the Minister for Human Resources Development.

The Award will be received personally by the child. The Department of Women & Child Development will pay the Awardee and his/her guardian/escort (maximum number of 2) expenditure involved in travelling and daily allowances as per rules.

Last date for submission of application/recommendation: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004

Applications are to be sent to **National Selection Committee for Exceptional Achievement Award, Dept. of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Sasthri Bhavan, New Delhi 110001**

**ANNEXURE**

**PARTICULARS OF THE INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED FOR “NATIONAL CHILD AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT”**

1. (i) Name
- (ii) Date of Birth (Duly attested)
- (iii) Place of Birth
- (ii) Educational Qualifications  
(with certificates if applicable)
- (iii) Telephone No.
- (iv) Present Address
2. Field of Achievement
3. How is the performance of the individual adjudged as exceptional achievement:
4. A brief life-sketch of the child including press clippings etc/ certificates etc.
5. Sponsored by (Government, other agencies etc. with details.)
6. Remarks of the State/U.T/Government/ recommending authority

2 passport size photographs duly attested
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