

# NOMINATION PACKAGE 2013

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala

# TOP TALENTS

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Due Date:

5pm on November 18, 2013

Drop-off / Mail-in location:

Canadian Tamil Youth Alliance  
330 Bay Street, Suite 820  
Toronto, ON M5H 2S8

Event Date:

December 28, 2013



CANADIAN TAMIL YOUTH ALLIANCE

The wealth which never declines  
Is not riches but learning.  
- Verse 400, Thriukural



## ABOUT CTYA

The Canadian Tamil Youth Alliance (CTYA) is a federally registered non-profit organization which strives to empower Tamil youth to become outstanding leaders and contributing citizens of our community. CTYA believes that the Tamil community can exceed expectations and achieve great things if the Tamil youth stand together for a unified goal and vision. CTYA aims to achieve this through initiating programs in five different sectors where the youth are well involved in. Those sectors are Arts & Culture, Athletics, Education & Career Development, Human Rights Advocacy and Tamil Nation Development. Our goal is to facilitate the participation of young Canadian Tamils in the Canadian society to build a stronger, greener and fairer country and to also help them gain the skills and experience required to walk forward in achieving their goals. We hope to give individuals the recognition they deserve for their outstanding achievements and performances.

### Our Vision

To empower Canadian Tamil Youth to become outstanding leaders and citizens in our society

### Our Mission

- To provide a progressive and democratic forum for Canadian youth of Tamil heritage and youth affiliated with the Tamil language, culture and/or people
- To provide a united front to strengthen the social, economic and spiritual growth of Tamil youth, both in Canada and abroad
- To facilitate the participation of Tamil youth in the broader Canadian society with the aim of building a stronger, greener and fairer country

## OUR COUNCILS

### Arts and Culture

The Arts and Culture Council is responsible for creating an environment for youth that is inspiring and conducive of self expression through the arts and culture. Among its key objectives are the improvement, re-orientation and expansion of programs that promote the arts and Tamil culture to Canadian Tamil youth and the broader Canadian Community.

### Athletics

The Athletics Council is tasked with providing Canadian Tamil youth with an avenue to develop their leadership skills through athletics and recreational programs. The aim of this council is to educate through athletics and promote outstanding sportsmanship and build team spirit.

### Education and Career Development

The Education and Career Development Council provides Canadian Tamil youth with the necessary resources that integrates academic, applied learning and career awareness to support youth in making a successful transition from school to work, or post-secondary education. Through a coordinated effort, youth will have optimal access to career development resources, and will be better prepared to take advantage of relevant learning and workplace opportunities.

### Human Rights Advocacy

The Human Rights Advocacy Council aims to build the capacity of Canadian Tamil youth by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to advocate for the protection of human rights in Canada and abroad. This council will strive to not only uphold international law and the Geneva conventions, but also educate our youth and the broader Canadian society about the ongoing plight of Tamil people.

### Tamil Nation Development

The Tamil Nation Development Council aims to make significant efforts to rebuild and develop the war-stricken nation. This council hopes to implement projects, and provide support to re-establish educational facilities, hospitals, homes and other infrastructures in collaboration with community partners, NGOs and U.N agencies.

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If a single individual alone can make a difference, if a single group alone can achieve the unexpected, envision what an alliance of organizations can achieve. Youth, the generation to decide the fate of the future, have the power to accomplish great things. Imagine what can be accomplished when the Tamil youth in Canada come together, stand united, and voice for a unified goal and vision. The possibilities are endless.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards

CTYA will be celebrating the achievements of the Canadian Tamil youth at our awards gala, "Top Talents". The awards ceremony will showcase and reward youth who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields. Furthermore, this celebration of achievement will encourage other Canadian Tamil youth all over Canada to strive for greater success while providing them with an avenue to be recognized for all their hard work and dedication.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Nominees must:

- Be a Canadian youth of Tamil heritage, culture, and language backgrounds.
- Be between the ages of 17 to 30 (before midnight on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013).
- Complete the full application.
- Meet the criteria of the specific awards.
- Become an individual member of the Canadian Tamil Youth Alliance if not a member already (Membership forms are attached. A \$25 fee will apply for the membership. For inquiry, please visit [www.ctya.org](http://www.ctya.org) or call us at 647.787.2892.

## DEADLINES FOR NOMINATION

6pm on November 18, 2013

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Each nominator may nominate a maximum of three nominees but must fill out separate forms.
- Awards may be withheld if qualified applications are not received.
- The selection panel is interested in the nominee's overall academic success, leadership qualities, determination, and commitment to success.
- All documents must be submitted together at one time, in one application.
- Late submissions will not be reviewed.
- Non-compliance to rules will result in an automatic disqualification of the application.
- Active Board of Directors and their immediate family members (brothers, sisters, half siblings, step-

siblings and spouses) will not be permitted to apply until the end of their term.

- All decisions regarding Top Talents will be finalized by the Top Talents Committee.
- Previous award winners must wait two years before applying to an award won; past applicants may however apply for awards within other categories.

## REWARDS

All award winners will receive a \$500 rewards along with recognition on CTYA website, CTYA blog, community media, and social media outlets.

## AWARDS LISTING

Awards will be presented to Canadian Tamil youth recognizing their past and current contributions in the following fields:

### Arts

Classical Dance  
Classical Music  
Urban Dance  
Urban Music  
Martial Arts  
Visual Arts

### Academics

Business Management  
Political Science/Law  
Medicine/Science/Nursing  
Engineering  
Journalism  
Tamil Language

### Athletics

Soccer  
Cricket  
Basketball  
Track and Field

### Achievement

Outstanding Leadership  
Youth Entrepreneur  
Youth Activist  
Youth Volunteer

### Open Category:

Top Talent: Why I am a Top Talent

# AWARDS CRITERIA

## Arts Awards

Awarded to young artists who strive in building our community through each of the following areas: Classical Dance, Classical Music, Urban Dance, Urban Music, Martial Arts & Visual Arts.

- Must demonstrate outstanding ability and achievement in one of the arts, as demonstrated through your work in a studio, in public performance or a creative portfolio.
- Display creativity, hard work and determination in the pursuit of your artistic talents.
- All Visual Arts applicants must submit a portfolio with three pieces of work including descriptions while all other applicants must submit a 5 to 8 minute video of their performance (must be performed after January 01, 2011). Video must be given in a DVD format.
- All those who completed private training in either of these fields must submit names of institutions, dates of graduation, and certificate/diploma received. Those who have completed either Vocal or Dance Arangetram must provide dates of completion.

## Academic Awards

Academics Awards will be presented to one individual in each of the five following fields of study: Business Management, Political Science/Law, Medicine/Science/Nursing, Engineering, Journalism, & Tamil Language.

- The individual must demonstrate perseverance, determination and passion for learning.
- Must be currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution or a recent graduate (within 1 year).
- Achieved personal success in the academic environment while utilizing the field of study for personal growth.
- Ability to participate in extracurricular activities at university/college while maintaining strong academic results.
- All applicants will be required to submit an official copy of their Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 transcript.

## Athletic Awards

These awards will be presented to individuals who have shown significant achievement in a competi-

tive organized sporting environment. Awards will be presented to one individual in each of the following four categories: Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, & Track and Field.

- Achieved tremendous success in your respective sporting field in the past several years.
- Must demonstrate team work, leadership qualities and excellent sportsmanship.
- Encourage activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Each applicant must submit a summary of achievements within the past five years, including the leagues and clubs played for and special sporting events that you have participated in.

## Achievement Awards

### Outstanding Leadership

- Individual has shown both academic and non-academic success.
- All applicants will be required to submit an official copy of their Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 transcript.
- The individual serves as an inspiration and motivation for others through the demonstration of positive attitude and work ethics.
- He/ She must have the ability to support others.
- The individual is seen as a leader by the Canadian Tamil youth community.
- In a short summary, explain how your leadership characteristics have made a positive impact on Canadian Tamil youth.

### Youth Entrepreneur

- The applicant should display his/her will, determination and originality through the implementation of a personal business or the development of an innovative product.
- A determined leader who thrives to succeed as an entrepreneur.
- Please provide a summary about your innovation or your small business. Also, please explain how your innovation or small business will make a positive contribution to the Tamil community in strengthening its economic establishment.
- Business registration numbers must also be provided.

### Youth Activist

- The individual has a strong stance on a just cause that needs an immediate solution.

- Consistently bringing awareness to the cause through different positive and proactive approaches.
- Explain how you have used a positive, proactive and solution-based approach to address an issue/ cause while making a positive contribution to the community. Also, explain how you hope to continue your activism in the coming years.

### **Youth Volunteer**

- Individual will be recognized for his/her meaningful volunteerism with local charities, organizations or community based groups.
- The individual strives to improve the quality life of others with a commitment to make a difference.
- In an additional summary, explain what volunteerism means to you, including how you have made a positive impact in others life while improving developing yourself as an individual.

### **Open Category: Why I am a Top Talent**

This award is geared to recognize an individual who has shown tremendous talent and ability overall within a category not included above. The recipient of this award must demonstrate why they deserve to be a “Top Talent” by highlighting their achievements, community service involvement, and extracurricular involvement. Those who are currently working in a non-traditional field or category not included above must demonstrate their leadership in choosing that field, and how they have demonstrated talent and excellence. In addition, they must argue why their contribution in this field is necessary and beneficial to the field itself and also how it benefits the Tamil community.

Possible Fields (but not limited to): Architecture, Communication, Culinary Arts, Environmental Studies, Information Technology, Law, Media, Non-Profit, Policing, Trades, or Urban Planning.

# TOP TALENTS APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 - To be completed by nominator

Section 2 - To be completed by the nominee

## SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATOR

### Nominator:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Relation to the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the following award.

#### Arts

- Classical Dance
- Classical Music
- Martial Arts
- Urban Dance
- Urban Music
- Visual Arts

#### Academics

- Business Management
- Political Science/Law
- Medicine/Science/  
Nursing
- Engineering
- Journalism
- Tamil Language

#### Athletics

- Soccer
- Cricket
- Basketball
- Track and Field

#### Achievement

- Outstanding  
Leadership
- Young Entrepreneur
- Youth Activist
- Youth Volunteer

**Open Category:** Why I am a Top Talent

Briefly describe on a separate piece of paper, why your nominee should receive the above suggested awards within two paragraphs and attach it with the nomination package. Please provide separate descriptions for each award.

### For your Consideration

Here are a few questions to ask yourself when completing your application:

- What qualities does the nominee possess?
- What are his/her future goals?
- What makes this person stand out from all the other nominations?
- What pushes the nominee to be successful in this category?
- Why does this person deserve to win?
- Has this person overcome any challenges to gain this success?
- How does this person balance other aspects of their life along with succeeding in this category?
- Who is this person's role model?
- What is the nominee's past accomplishments?

## SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE

Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

I, \_\_\_\_\_, accept this nomination.

### Personal Statement (Mandatory):

All nominees must write a minimum one page to a maximum of a two pages statement with the title "I am the best candidate for this award" on a separate sheet and attach that completed paper with the application form. In the essay, you may include any or all of the following:

- Awards and achievement
- Community service involvement
- Extracurricular involvement

Essays must be in proper essay format, double-spaced, Times New Roman, with 12 point font.

### Reference Letters (Optional)

Nominees may submit a minimum of one (1) and maximum of three (3) letters of reference (in addition to the letter from the nominator) supporting their application for the chosen award. The letters of reference should be current, and should not exceed the above-mentioned limit. References should not include relatives or friends. References can be from teachers, coaches, professors, employers, guidance counsellors, and volunteer or community organizations; however, applicants must have worked/volunteered with referees after January 2011. Please ensure that letters are on appropriate letterhead.

### Remember:

- All Visual Arts applicants must submit a portfolio with three pieces of work including descriptions while other arts award applicants must submit a 5 to 8 minute video of their performance.
- All academic award applicants will be required to submit their Fall 2012/Winter 2013 transcript.
- All athletic award applicants must submit a summary of athletic achievement within the past five years including the leagues and clubs played for and special sporting events that you have participated in.
- All achievement award applicant will be required to submit their summary depending on the specific award.
- You may use up to two additional sheets with an explanation to strengthen your application.

### Declaration of Applicant:

1. I agree that, to my knowledge, all information provided is accurate and up to date.
2. I understand that application information may be verified by contacting the appropriate individuals.
3. I agree that information I provide may be used for publicity before and after the Awards Gala in local media and on CTYAs promotional materials.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# Application for Individual Membership

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please provide all of the information requested and mail or fax both pages of the completed application to CTYA. Incomplete applications will be returned. Your payment must be included with the application in order for it to be processed.

Individual Membership is **not transferable** from one person to another.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Male  Female

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth (City / Country) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

College / University

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_  Under grad  Post Grad

Faculty, Major \_\_\_\_\_  Full-time  Part-time

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Expected year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

High School

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Expected year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to attend University/College or work after high school?  Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your interested area of study/work? \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Full-time  Part-time  Contract

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your family own a business?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of business: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS/HOBBIES/SKILLS?

- Public Speaking
- Politics
- Event Coordination
- Project Management
- Human Rights
- Developmental Projects
- Photography
- Videography
- Web Design
- Graphic Design

Please describe each of the areas that apply to you from the options listed below)

- Athletics:
  - Cricket
  - Basketball
  - Soccer
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Arts & Culture:
  - Dance
  - Music
  - Visual Arts
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Writing:
  - Articles
  - Press-releases
  - News
  - Poems
  - Reports
  - Stories
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Media:
  - Blogger
  - Digg
  - Facebook
  - Flickr
  - LinkedIn
  - MSN
  - MySpace
  - Orkut
  - Twitter
  - Youtube
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you affiliated with any organizations, clubs, and or groups presently? If yes, please list:  Yes  No

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Membership

Membership Renewal

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:**  Consistent Member \$25  Sustaining Member \$100

**PAYMENT METHOD:**  Cash  Cheque  Money Order  Master Card  VISA

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

Card Number

Expiry Date

Cardholder Name (as it appears on the card)

Signature of Cardholder

## MEMBERSHIP CONSENT INFORMATION

### CODE OF ETHICS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

**Vision:** To empower Canadian Tamil Youth to become outstanding leaders and citizens in our society

**Code:** Members of the Canadian Tamil Youth Alliance (CTYA) are committed to observing and promoting the highest ethical conduct in their performance of responsibilities and duties as a member of CTYA. Members pledge to accept this code as a minimum guideline for ethical support and shall:

#### Professional Excellence

1. Develop and encourage the practice of high standards of personal and professional conduct among themselves and their membership.
2. Exemplify a professional level of courtesy, respect, and objectivity when participating in all CTYA activities.

#### Accountability

3. Fully disclose, at the earliest opportunity, any information that may result in a perceived or actual conflict of interest while assuming committee or other responsibilities as a CTYA member.
4. Accurately and fully disclose, all information required for membership and participation in CTYA, and provide CTYA with any additional information as it is known that may adversely affect such eligibility or participation.

#### Confidential Information

8. Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information known due to service on CTYA committees.

#### Collaboration and Cooperation

9. Respect the diversity of opinions as expressed or acted upon by any decision-making body of CTYA.
10. Promote collaboration, cooperation and partnership among CTYA members, including good faith efforts to come to mutual understanding between members when there is overlap in membership or service areas.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare having read and understood the above Code of Ethics in its entirety and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all the foregoing.

Signature

Date

### For Office Use Only

Membership Application Received On \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees Received On \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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**Phone:**

647.787. CTYA (2892)

**Submit Applications To:**

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Upon submitting the application package to the above address please e-mail **[info@ctya.org](mailto:info@ctya.org)** confirming your submission.