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National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Every year the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities gives national awards to outstanding persons with disabilities and to people and institutions working for their empowerment.

What you may get

Every awardee gets a certificate and a medal. The cash award is Rs 2.00 lakh for each Sarvshresth Divyangjan awardee and Rs 1.00 lakh each in most other individual categories. Institution awards carry a certificate and a shield.

Who it is for

Persons with disabilities, children with disabilities, rehabilitation professionals and researchers, and also employers, placement agencies, institutions and States or districts working in this field.

Main conditions

- The individual excellence awards are open to persons with any disability specified under the RPwD Act.
- The creative child award is for children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years.
- A person who has won a National Award can apply again only after 5 years.
- Applications are accepted only online, as self-nomination with the required documents, and the applicant is responsible for the documents being genuine.

How to apply

1. Register and apply online on the awards.gov.in portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs, in the prescribed application form.
2. The department announces the opening of the portal and the application period each year on its website and in newspapers.
3. Apply separately for each award category you want to apply for.

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