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State Award For Senior Citizens

Odisha honours senior citizens and institutions with the Bayojyestha Samman state award for outstanding service to the elderly, in 11 categories.

What you may get

Winners receive the Bayojyestha Samman state award with a citation, plaque or memento. The department decides any prize money, and the guideline names no amount. The award is a recognition, not a regular monthly benefit.

Who it is for

Senior citizens aged 60 or more, and individuals, institutions and organisations serving the elderly, who live or work in Odisha.

Main conditions

- An individual senior citizen applying for awards 1 to 5 must be at least 60 years old. The age limit does not apply to awards 6 to 11.
- The person or body must normally be domiciled in Odisha or work within the State.
- Someone who has already won the award in another category or year is not considered again.
- Anyone who canvasses, lobbies or tries to influence the selection committee is rejected.

How to apply

1. Wait for the department's advertisement that invites nominations. It states the last date, and late applications are not taken.
2. Submit the application in the prescribed format (the individual form or the institution form) to the Collector or District Social Security Officer.
3. A district committee reviews the entries and sends selected ones to the SSEPD Department. For awards 6 to 10 you may also apply directly to the department.

Status

Active

Official source: https://ssepd.odisha.gov.in/en/schemes-programmes/schemes/state-award-senior-citizens
Official application: https://ssepd.odisha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-09/Application%20FORM%20for%20State%20Award%20for%20Senior%20Citizens.pdf
Official PDF: https://ssepd.odisha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/11%20GUIDELINES%20ON%20STATE%20AWARD%20FOR%20SENIOR%20CITIZENS_1.pdf
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