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Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

A yearly award of the Sangeet Natak Akademi for young artists who show outstanding talent in music, dance, theatre, folk and tribal arts, puppetry and scholarship in performing arts.

What you may get

Each Yuva Puraskar carries prize money of Rs 25,000 and a Tamrapatra, issued under the seal of the Akademi. Up to 33 Puraskars can be given in a year across five fields.

Who it is for

Indian nationals up to 40 years of age who are outstanding young practitioners of the performing arts. A person is chosen on nomination by the bodies and experts named in the guideline.

Main conditions

- The Puraskar is open to Indian nationals up to 40 years of age, with age counted from 1 April of the year of nomination.
- It is not given after death. A person who has received it once cannot receive the same Puraskar again in any other field or category.
- Members of the Akademi's General Council cannot be considered.
- Nominations must come with a reasoned justification and full documentation, including proof of age.

Documents

- Reasoned justification for the nomination
- Full documentation of the nominee's work
- Proof of age

How to apply

1. Nominations are made by Fellows and awardees, General Council members, heads of state akademies, state culture secretaries, heads of performing arts departments in universities and eminent experts.
2. The Akademi invites nominations every year by a specified date. Late nominations are not taken up.
3. For the 2024 and 2025 round, the Akademi took online nominations and self-nominations until 14 July 2025.
4. The Executive Board shortlists and the General Council decides. Its decision is final and no appeal is allowed.

Status

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