



Australia- Sri Lanka Community Young Achiever Awards 2018 (Organised by Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc.)

1 INTRODUCTION:

Each year the Australia-Sri Lanka community Young Achiever Awards, organised by the Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc., aims to recognise, encourage and reward our most vital resource, its young people with an aim to make them role models for others.

The *specific aims* of the Awards are to:

- Acknowledge and highlight the academic achievements at Year 12 Examinations in 2017
- Recognise youth achievement in their chosen field of endeavour
- Develop a sense of pride in being an Australian-Sri Lankan
- Encourage leadership in young individuals promoting multiculturalism in Australia
- Build self-confidence through recognition for excellence
- Provide role models and mentors for youth by highlighting their achievements and their pursuit of excellence

The Awards culminate at the Sri Lanka Independent Day celebrations in Sydney recognising the category winners for each of the following categories.

1.1 AWARD CATEGORIES:

- Education – 12 Awards (Highest marks obtained for HSC in 2017)
- Art – 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Technology – 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Music – 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Sport – 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Literature – 02 awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Performing Arts – 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)
- Meritorious Community Service– 02 Awards (Winner & Runner-up)

2 CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

- The award recipient should be of Sri Lankan origin/heritage.
- Between the ages of 16 yrs. to 25 yrs. (A copy of their birth certificate or Driver's License is required).
- A citizen or a permanent resident of Australia (Attach a copy of the relevant document to verify claim).
- Attending or attended high school in NSW (Attach a copy of relevant document to verify claim).

- If a nominee has received an award in a specific category in the past 2 years, they are not eligible to receive another award in the same category.
- Have showcased exceptional talent in the chosen field and represented/gained recognition/won awards at club level/ from a nationally recognised higher education institute of the category/ State level/National or International level (a proof of this through an award/awards or a certificate/certificates received is required).
- Education – **ATAR of 95 or higher** (Only the first 12 highest ATARs will be selected. In the event the 12th ATAR mark represents several, then all students with that ATAR will be selected).
- Visual Art (Fine Arts) – represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition/s. (drawing, painting, print making, designing, sculpture and any other field that falls within the category of fine art/visual art) or being recognised/obtained excellent results from a higher education institute in the field (e.g.; University, National School of Art, and similar nationally recognised institute).
- Technology – represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition/s.
- Music – represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition/s. (Vocal/ instrumental any music craft) or being recognised/obtained excellent results from a higher education institute in the field (e.g.; AMEB or similar).
- Sport – represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition/s. or being recognised or obtained excellent results from a higher education institute in the field.
- Literature – represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition/s or being recognised/obtained excellent results from a higher education institute in the field. (e.g.; Australian Council of Arts or similar).
- Performing Arts - represented/participated and won awards, gained recognition as an individual or as a member of a team in a state/national/international competition(Drama, Theatre or any dance styles) or being recognised/obtained excellent results from a higher education institute in the field (e.g.; Royal Academy of Dance or similar).
- Meritorious Community Service - recognises the outstanding achievements of a volunteer either as an individual or as a member of a team, who has enhanced multiculturalism in the Australian-Sri Lankan community, for example,
 - Involved with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in volunteer roles (evidence for at least for the last 2 years) and
 - Actively participates in existing Sri Lankan community projects with services designed to enhance relationship with culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse communities promoting Australia's multiculturalism.

3 PROCESS OF SELECTION:

- Anyone can nominate a young achiever who falls under the above criteria for the above mentioned awards.

- A single student can be nominated for more than one category.
- The awards will be presented to those students who were nominated by merit only and not through personal contacts.
- The nominations should be submitted by filling the forms downloaded from the SLANSW website at <http://slansw.org.au/>
- A panel of judges to be appointed. (Panel would consist of persons invited from councils and higher education institutes and does not necessarily have to be of SL background.)
- The panel of judges reserves the right to disqualify nominations if they do not meet the full selection criteria.
- The judges will decide on award recipients collectively according to merit and merit only.
- An award will not be presented if, in the opinion of the panel of judges, there is no person sufficient with merit.
- The contenders will be interviewed by phone or in person by the panel of judges. All travel expenses to and from the venue of the interviews will be at the recipient's expense.
- The SLANSW committee members are not appointed to the panel of judges.
- The judge's decision is final and would not be discussed further by the committee/subcommittee or any of the organisers.
- All nominators will be notified of the outcome of the nomination in by 1st of February 2018. Only successful nominees will be invited to attend the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

4 AWARD TIME-LINE

- Deadline for nomination form – Before mid-night of 26 January 2018
- Awards Presentation Ceremony – Independence day celebrations in Sydney

5 SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION

- Nomination forms with relevant copies of supporting/verifying documents (not originals) must reach the following address **before mid-night of 26th January 2018**. Please note that the application and supporting/verifying documents will not be returned. **Applications received or completed after the deadline** will not be considered for the 2018 Awards.
- Nominations should be either emailed or hard-copy mailed by Post to:
Email: president@slansw.org.au

Postal Address:
The Secretary
Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc.
P. O. Box 3120
Sydney 2001

5.1 For any enquiries please contact:

Name: Sam Masachchi
Contact Number 0404042113 or sam@subwaysydney.com

6 NOMINATION FORM

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How to nominate:

- A person can submit nominations for one or more Award categories listed in section 1.1.
- All nominations should follow the nomination criteria and process of selection criteria listed in sections 2 and 3 respectively.
- Nomination to each award category must be on a separate form.
- The complete application with relevant copies of supporting/verifying documentation will be considered for assessment. Incomplete applications will be considered as ineligible for assessment.

Post or email your completed form to be received before mid-night of 26th January 2018.

Postal address:
The Secretary
Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc.
P. O. Box 3120
Sydney 2001

Email: secretary@slansw.org.au

Part A: NOMINEE INFORMATION

(Please write clearly and fields marked () are mandatory)*

Title*	First Name*	Last Name*	
Street Address*			
Town/Suburb*		Post Code*	State*
School attending/attended*		Date of Birth*:	
Telephone*		Mobile number	
Email*			
Citizenship or PR status* :			

PART C: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

(Please write clearly and fields marked (*) are mandatory)

Please note: A nominator may put forward a maximum of two nominations. You might be contacted by the panel of judges for clarifications if and when needed)

Title*	First Name*	Last Name*	
Street Address			
Town/Suburb		Post Code	State
Occupation*:		Employer:	
Telephone*		Mobile number*	
Email*			

PART D: NOMINATOR DECLARATION

(Please write clearly and fields marked (*) are mandatory)

I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I will notify the Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc. of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in a successful nomination.

Nominator signature*:	Date*:
Print Name*:	Relationship to the Nominee*:
Is the nominee aware of this nomination* : Yes / No	

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