

World Zoroastrian Congress 2009

Awards Program



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Introduction:

The World Zoroastrian Congress Awards for 2009, will be awarded to five recipients.

These Awards are the most sought-after, prestigious and recognized awards.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage, acknowledge and reward valuable contributions and outstanding achievements made by Zarathushti men and women in various fields and making the community a vibrant one.

The awards will be distributed at a '*Glittering Awards Ceremony*' during the Congress.

The Awards program will be handled by leading personalities from various countries whose names are mentioned below:

1. Australia - Phil Madon
2. Dubai - Deena Motiwalla
3. India - Phiroza Godrej
4. Iran - Mobed Firouzgary
5. North America - Dolly Dastur
6. UK - Noshir Avari

The Category, definition and evaluation criterion for each category of Award is outlined clearly in the Program guidelines. Please read the governing rules and regulations to apply and send your nominations via email to wzcawards@gmail.com in the required format, latest by 31.5.09 in English or Farsi.

The nominations shall be judged by academically qualified and distinguished persons from within the Zoroastrian community worldwide. Two judges will be appointed for each category.

Category A - Outstanding Zarathushti Award

Definition:

To recognize a Zarathushti who has made outstanding and well-recognized contributions to further the cause of Zarathushtis regionally and internationally through outstanding leadership and service. Such contributions could include setting up of Community Organizations, promoting Zarathushti Philosophy, Culture and advancing social and humanitarian causes.

Evaluation Criteria

Regionally – 50
World wide – 20
Benefits to community – 30

Category B - Excellence in Performing Arts, Painting or Literature Award

Definition:

To recognize a Zarathushti who has excelled in the field of performing arts (dance, music and drama) or painting or literature and whose achievements have been recognized by peers within the country of residence and internationally.

Evaluation Criteria

Academic Qualification – 15
Commitment to Personal development – 15
Prizes/Awards won – 15
Performance/Exhibition Achievement – 25
Creativity and Professional standards shared with the community - 30

Category C - Community Service Award

Definition:

To recognize a Zarathushti who has identified a local community need or issue and has provided effective initiative to inspire and pioneer meaningful change. He/she is recognized as a source of strength and heart in her community, and harnesses the time, talent and capacity of others. Minimum service 5 years.

Evaluation Criteria

Level of Academic Qualifications - 10
Length of service rendered - 15
Barriers & how they have been overcome - 20
Range of people involved - 10
Nature of individual input - 20
No. of Hours involved in voluntary work - 10
Contribution to solutions - 15

Category D - Technology and Engineering Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who is dedicated to the advancement of Technological, engineering or industrial discovery or application. Whose efforts have forged new roles for people and created opportunities for future generations in such fields as Engineering, Natural Resources and Information Technology.

Evaluation Criteria

Level of Academic Qualifications - 20
Goals and degree of difficulty in achievement - 20
Complexity of endeavor - 20
Awards received (include brief description where possible) - 10
Contribution to community, commercial application, or broader field of research - 30

Category E – Excellence in Medicine Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who is dedicated to the advancement of Medicine. Whose efforts have forged new roles for people and created opportunities for future generations in the field of Medicine.

Evaluation Criteria

Level of Academic Qualifications – 10
Innovative, creative, and pioneering achievement - 20
Success in overcoming barriers, based on resources available - 20
Advancement of clinical knowledge - 10
Awards received (include brief description where possible) - 20
Contribution to community - 20

Rules Governing the Awards

A. Eligibility for Nominees:

- ❖ Nominee should be a Zarathushti
- ❖ The following individuals shall not be eligible for nomination for the World Zoroastrian Congress Awards - 2009
 - Directors of the Awards Program
 - Individual Zarathushtis appointed by the Directors for the Awards Program to serve as judges for the specific category for which he/she is a judge
- ❖ An individual can be nominated for a maximum of TWO award categories. If an individual is nominated for more than two categories, the Directors of the Awards Program shall determine the two categories for which the nominee shall be considered for evaluation.

B. Nominations

- ❖ All nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Form prescribed by the Directors of the Awards Program in English or Farsi. Nominations not submitted on the prescribed form shall not be considered or processed.
- ❖ Nominees must be sponsored by at least one Zarathushti individual or organization. The Sponsor must sign the Nomination Form. An individual sponsoring a nomination on behalf of a group of individuals or an association must indicate his/her position in the organization.
- ❖ By signing the nomination, the sponsors and their nominee:
 - agree to abide by the rules of the Awards Program and
 - accept all decisions of the Directors of the Awards Program as final
- ❖ Nominations should not exceed **four** pages (i.e Form and 2). Nominations exceeding four pages shall be returned to the Sponsors for revision.
- ❖ Copies of certificates, citations, and other documents should be scanned and attached separately to the form.
- ❖ The Directors of the Awards Program shall first review all nominations before their submission to the judges. Nominations that do not meet the guidelines and criteria set for the Awards Program will not be submitted to the judges.
- ❖ For each award category, a minimum of two (2) nominations shall be required for evaluation and selection of a winner. If only a single nomination is received for any award category, it shall not normally be considered for evaluation and the Sponsors shall be notified. However, in exceptional cases, in consultation with the judges for that category, the Directors of the Awards Program may consider the single nominee for an award.
- ❖ A nominee can be selected for award for only one category. If an individual is declared as winner in two or more categories, the Directors of the Awards Program will request the Judges for those categories to collaboratively decide on the award category for which the individual should be declared the winner.
- ❖ The Directors of the Awards Program will not entertain or respond to:
 - inquiries about the status of nominations during the process of evaluation or thereafter; or
 - appeals against its decision on any item related to a nomination.

Judges:

- ❖ The Directors of the Awards Program shall appoint minimum of two judges for each award category, comprising of respected Zarathushtis from around the world.
- ❖ If an individual appointed as a judge for a specific award category is subsequently nominated for the same category, the Directors of the Awards Program shall either appoint the individual to serve as a judge for another award category or remove his/her name from the panel of Judges.
- ❖ An individual appointed by the Directors of the Awards Program to serve as a judge for an award category shall not sponsor a nominee for the same award category. If received, such nominations shall not be processed or submitted to the Judges.

Evaluation of Nominations and Selection Winners:

- ❖ The judges shall be required to evaluate the nominees based solely on:
 - the information contained in the Nomination Form; and
 - the evaluation criteria and points system prescribed by the Directors of the Awards Program
- ❖ Hence, for proper evaluation, it is essential that the sponsors list in detail their nominee's achievements in Part 2, specifically including adequate details of the nominee's achievements in respect of each of the "Evaluation Criteria" for the specific award category.
- ❖ If in the opinion of the Directors of the Awards Program there is an evident bias in the evaluation of a nominee by a specific judge, that judge's evaluation may not be considered in determining the final result and the winner for that category.
- ❖ The judges shall submit their evaluation to the Directors of the Awards Program in the prescribed evaluation summary form, indicating the number of points scored by each nominee against each evaluation criteria and the total number of points. The nominee scoring the maximum total number of points scored by all the judges in the panel shall be declared the winner for each category.
- ❖ The Directors of the Awards Program may declare more than one winner in a category, if two or more nominees score the same number of total points.

Announcement of Winners:

- ❖ The names of winners will be announced during the Congress at the Awards Presentation ceremony. However, the names of the winners will be informed in advance on a *need-to-know* basis to the World Congress Executives, etc.
- ❖ After the Congress, the names of the winners shall be publicized in Zarathushti publications worldwide.

Instructions for filling up the Forms:

1. Each nominee shall be sponsored by at least one Individual or Association
2. The Sponsor must sign the Nomination Form, Part 1
3. All specified details of the Nominee must be given in Part 2
4. By signing the Nomination Form, the sponsors certify that:
 - the nominee has agreed to his/her being nominated for the specific award category;
 - the nominee is a Zarathushti and
 - both sponsors and the nominee agree to abide by the Rules Governing the Awards and to accept all decisions of the Directors of the Awards Program as final.
5. Judges shall evaluate nominees solely on the information contained in Part 2 of the Nomination Form. Hence, for proper evaluation, it is essential that the sponsors list in detail their nominee's achievements in Part 2, specifically ensuring that adequate details of the nominee's achievements in respect of each of the "Evaluation Criteria" for the specific award category as detailed under "Categories, Definitions and Evaluation Criteria" are included.
6. Part 2 of the Nomination Form shall not exceed 3 pages (A-4 size).
7. Scanned copies of certificates, citations, etc. received by the nominee may be attached separately.
8. Nominations should be sent to wzcawards@gmail.com on or before 31.5.09. Late nominations shall be disqualified and not considered or processed for evaluation.

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