

National Youth Awards 2017 – Guidelines and Categories

National Youth Awards (NYA) are conferred on young people between the ages of 10 and 35 years who have demonstrably excelled in different fields of developmental endeavours and social service. These young people are commended for their dedication to excellence and are held up as role models to other youth.

General Criteria:

All Nominees must be:

- * Between 10-35 yrs.
- * Nationals of Antigua & Barbuda
- * Resident in Antigua
- * in good social standing

National Youth Awards (NYA) will be conferred to deserving young people who satisfy the above criteria.

Nominations are sought for the following areas

1. Education

The Outstanding Scholarship Award - .Awarded to a young university graduate who has done exceptionally well (at the highest level)

2. Media:

National Youth Awards recognizes the contribution of the media to the engendering of a positive youth culture.

- a. Young Journalist .(Covers youth issues in a holistic way)
- b. Youth-Friendly Media House (Media House that provides a positive holistic balance of youth centered content)

3. Literary Arts:

This Award is for outstanding work in the literary arts.

4. Visual Arts

This award is presented for outstanding work in visual arts.

5. Entrepreneurship

This award recognizes the achievement of a young entrepreneur.

6. Community Service

This award recognizes the contribution of the individual youth and youth groups to the development of their communities.

Two awards are issued in this category -Individual & Youth Group.

7. Young professional

This award is conferred upon a young professional, who through excellent professional practice, upholds the standards of his or her profession.

8. Young Artisan

This award is presented to a young artisan who has produced excellent work and who has dedicated time to develop his/her craft.

9. Young Pioneer Award

This Award goes to a young person/group who is breaking new grounds in areas such a film; information technology, manufacturing; etc.

10. Phoenix Award

This is awarded to a youth who have overcome the odds..... like the Phoenix has risen victoriously out of the ashes!

11. Young Activist.

This is awarded to a young person who has mobilized community support and action around some issue they felt strongly about.

12. Corporate Awards

National Youth Awards (NYA) also recognizes the contribution of the business community to youth development. Here two corporate citizens are recognized for their youth development initiatives.

18. Honouring Adults/Life-Time Awards

National Youth Awards recognizes the contributions of adults who would have contributed to youth development.

All nominations should reach the Department of Youth Affairs by **November 10th 2017**. We are located at Prime Minister's Office Drive (off Factory Road). For more information, please call 462-6781/481-5326 or E-mail wadadliyouthdept@gmail.com.