

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Bal Shakti Puraskar:

Ques 1: Who is eligible for applying for Bal Shakti Puraskar?

Ans: A Child who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India can apply for Bal Shakti Puraskar.

Ques 2: Whether any citizen can nominate a child for this award?

Ans: Any citizen of India can nominate any child who has achieved excellence in any of the category viz., Innovation, Social Service, Scholastic, Sports, Art & Culture and Bravery.

Ques 3: Whether applicant can apply for more than one category out of all six categories of Bal Shakti Puraskar?

Ans: No.

Ques 4: What is the age eligibility?

Ans: Child should be above the age of 05 years and not exceeding 18 years.

Ques 5: Is there any minimum educational qualification required?

Ans: No minimum qualification is required for applying/recommending.

Ques 6: If any child has got National Child Award/Bal Shakti Puraskar (erstwhile National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement) in any of the category in the past, whether child is eligible for applying for this award again?

Ans: No.

Ques 7: What is the award money for Bal Shakti Puraskar?

Ans: Each awardee will be given a medal, a cash award of Rs.1,00,000/-, book vouchers worth Rs. 10,000/-, a certificate and citation.

Ques 8: What is the last date for accepting the applications?

Ans: The applications will be received all round the year. However, applications received upto 31st August shall be considered for the award given in January next year and applications received after 31st August will be considered for the subsequent year.

Ques 9: Should application be endorsed by State Government or it can be sent directly to this Ministry?

Ans: A child can apply directly on the web portal available on the website of Ministry of Women and Child Development. Any citizen of India/Central Govt/State Govt. Authority can also recommend the application through this portal.

Ques 10: When will the award ceremony takes place?

Ans: These Awards shall be given in the week preceding the Republic Day Week.

Ques 11: Who can receive the award?

Ans: The awardee shall accept the award except in the cases of award being given posthumously, when one of the parent/guardian can receive the award.

Ques 12: Whether any boarding and lodging facilities are available for awardees and their escorts?

Ans: Arrangements for boarding and lodging facilities for awardees and their escorts shall be made by Ministry of Women and Child Development as per the guidelines.

Ques 13: Whether any reimbursement of Travelling Allowance will be provided to the awardees and their escort?

Ans: MWCD will reimburse the Air fare expenses incurred by the Awardees of *Bal Shakti Puraskar* as also his/her parents or guardians (maximum two numbers excluding awardee), by Air India in economy class or actual expenses incurred on this account, whichever is less.

Ques 14 : Whether any escort is permitted with the awardee ?

Ans: As per the guidelines, two escorts are permitted with the awardee.

Bal Kalyan Puraskar:

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Ques 1: What are the categories of Bal Kalyan Puraskar?

Ans: There are two categories of Bal Kalyan Puraskar:

- i) Bal Kalyan Puraskar (Individual).
- ii) Bal Kalyan Puraskar (Institution).

Ques 2: Who is eligible for applying for Bal Kalyan Puraskar?

Ans: a) **Individual:** Individuals who have made an outstanding contribution for the cause of children in the field of Child Development, Child Protection and Child Welfare for not less than 7 years and have a positive impact on the lives of children are eligible to apply.

b) **Institutions:** Institutions who have done exceptional work for the cause of children in any field of Child Welfare for 10 years and should have performed consistently in the field are eligible to apply.

Ques 3: Whether applicant can apply for more than one field for Bal Kalyan Puraskar under individual category?

Ans: Yes, applicant can apply for all three fields (i.e Child Development, Child Protection and Child Welfare).

Ques 4: What is the age eligibility?

Ans: Applicant above the age of 18 years can apply for individual award.

Ques 5: What is the award money for Bal Kalyan Puraskar?

Ans: Bal Kalyan Puraskar (Individual) consists of a cash award of Rs.1,00,000/- (one lakh), a medal, a citation and a certificate to each awardee. Bal Kalyan Puraskar (Institution) consists of a cash award of Rs.5,00,000/- each , a medal and a citation and a certificate.

Ques 6: Is there any minimum educational qualification required?

Ans: No minimum educational qualification is required.

Ques 7: If any individual/institution has got National Child Welfare Award/ Bal Kalyan Puraskar in the past, whether such individual/institutions eligible for applying for this award again?

Ans: No, if any individual/institution has got any National Child Welfare Award/ Bal Kalyan Puraskar from MWCD in past then the same is not eligible.

Ques 8: What is the last date for accepting the applications?

Ans: The applications will be received all round the year. However, applications received upto 31st August shall be considered for the award given in January next year and applications received after 31st August will be considered for the subsequent year

Ques 9: Should application be endorsed by State Government or it can be sent directly to this Ministry?

Ans: An Individual/representative of institution can apply directly on the web portal available on the website of Ministry of Women and Child Development. Any citizen of India/Central Govt./State Govt. authority can also recommend the application through this portal.

Ques 10: When will the award ceremony takes place?

Ans: These Awards shall be given in the week preceding the Republic Day Week.

Ques 11: Who will receive the award?

Ans: The award will be received personally by the individual/head of the institution.

Ques 12: Whether any boarding and lodging facilities are available for awardees and their escorts?

Ans: Arrangements for boarding and lodging facilities for awardees and their escorts shall be made by Ministry of Women and Child Development as per the guidelines.

Ques 13: Whether any reimbursement of Travelling Allowance will be provided to the awardees?

Ans: Only awardee of *Bal Kalyan Puraskar*(Individual and Institution), will be reimbursed the Air fare expenses incurred by the Awardees by Air India in economy class or actual expenses incurred on this account, whichever is less by MWCD.

Ques 14: Whether any escort is permitted with the awardee ?

Ans: No.