

# Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre



## Student Application Form

**All applications must be postmarked by no later than  
Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2003**

Send your completed applications to:

CanTYD – Awards of Excellence 2003  
Student Awards Application  
P.O. Box 55297  
300 Borough Drive  
Scarborough, ON  
M1P 4Z7

For more information visit our web site at: [www.cantyd.org](http://www.cantyd.org)

Applications may be submitted in either Tamil or English.

The Tamil application is available on the website.



**CanTYD**

## **Mission**

"Empowering and developing Tamil youth by utilizing the principles of advocacy, partnership education, assistance and research."

Several young adults formed CanTYD in 1998 to fill a need in the Canadian Tamil community as an organization dedicated to the development of youth.

Incorporated as a non-profit organization (Registration # 1320493), we provide services to the Tamil community consisting of over 200,000 Tamils throughout GTA.

## **Objectives**

- Empower and recognize the voice, achievements and vision of young people;
- Provide role models to encourage Tamil youth in aspiring towards a higher education and motivating further vocational and career options;
- Foster a positive image of Tamil youth;
- Assist newcomer youth to integrate with the Canadian society;
- Guide Tamil youth in developing technical, leadership and entrepreneurial skills;
- Reduce and prevent violence among Tamil youth by addressing the roots of such acts.

## **Requirements**

To apply for the awards, applicants must:

- Be of Tamil descent
- Be enrolled in a secondary school in the GTA and surrounding areas as a full-time student

## **OAC Awards applicants**

- Be in the final year, completing minimum of six OAC courses
- Be attending a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2003
- Obtained Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- All OAC award winners applying for post secondary education will be provided with an entrance scholarship.
- All applicants must obtain a minimum average of 75% in the current year of study to be eligible to apply for the awards. Some awards may have higher requirements. Please see specific award requirements below.

## **Grade 12 Awards applicants**

- Be in the final year, completing minimum requirements to obtain Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
- Be attending a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2003.
- All Grade 12 award winners applying for post secondary education will be provided with an entrance scholarship.
- All applicants must obtain a minimum average of 75% in the current year of study to be eligible to apply for the awards. Some awards may have higher requirements. Please see specific award requirements below.

## **Grades 9 - 11 Awards applicants**

- Please follow the instruction provided for each category of awards for detailed requirements.
- Maximum of one award per grade will be awarded in each category (with the exception of the Performing Arts Award).
- All applicants must obtain a minimum average of 75% in the current year of study to be eligible to apply for the awards. Some awards may have higher requirements. Please see specific award requirements below.



## Qualifications

### **Academic Achievement Award**

- Recognizing students who have performed exceptionally well in scholastics
- Minimum requirements include an 85 % average
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply

### **Athletic Achievement Award**

- Recognizing students who have accomplished high standards in athleticism and/or excellence in sportsmanship in or outside of school
- Applicants must exhibit leadership and sportsmanship in their athletic activities
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply

### **Most Improved Student Award**

- Recognizing students who have achieved a high level of improvement from the previous year to the current year
- At least one of the required number of references must be from a teacher
- Students from Grade 10 to OAC may apply

### **Outstanding Community Contribution Award**

- Recognizing students who have made significant contributions toward improving community and school life
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply

### **Overall Achievement Award**

- Recognizing students who are well-rounded both in academic and non-academic endeavors
- Minimum requirements include 80 % average, extracurricular activities, academic standing and quality of response to the essay question.
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply

### **Performing Arts Award**

- Recognizing students who have outstanding achievements in all of these three areas of performing arts:
  - Vocal
  - Instrumental
  - Dance
- Classical or modern is accepted
- Candidates would be evaluated based on prior proof of achievement (awards, citations, performances, etc.)
- Relevant reference pertaining to your field of performing arts is required
- Short-listed candidates will be called-in for an audition and a question and answer session.
- Auditions will be conducted in June/July of 2003 and are required to qualify for the Award
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply
- 3 awards will be given – one for each area of performing arts

*Note: Each application will be evaluated along with peers who are in the same grade (with the exception of the Performing Arts Award).*

### **Unique Distinguished Effort Award**

- Recognizing students who have overcome personal hardships and have set an example for others
- At least one of the required number of references must emulate the hardships overcome by the Applicant
- Students from Grades 9 to OAC may apply

**CanTYD**

1. Please read all the sections carefully before start filling out this application form.
2. Complete all necessary sections and do not forget to *SIGN* the application form.
3. You are not expected to use secondary resources when answering the short answer and essay questions.
4. Send all your relevant documents and completed application form to the address provided at the last page.
5. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
6. Failure to fill out appropriate sections or meet the appropriate requirements will result in the automatic disqualification of the application without notice.
7. If you have any questions completing this application form, you can contact us at (416)431-4100 or send us an email at [awards@cantyd.org](mailto:awards@cantyd.org)

A of E 2003 ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**A****PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last FirstAddress: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt # City/Town Prov. Postal Code

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your grade level: 9 10 11 12 OACSelect maximum of **TWO** Secondary School Awards:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Contribution Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Unique Distinguish Effort Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Achievement Award   | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Improved Student Award     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Achievement Award   | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts Award           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Achievement Award    |  |

**PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last FirstAddress: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt # City/Town Prov. Postal Code

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of school Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town Prov. Postal Code

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**B****TRANSCRIPTS AND REFERENCE LETTERS****Transcripts/Report Cards**

1. For semester schools, attach copies of final report card from first semester and mid-term report card from second semester. For non-semester schools, attach copies of mid-term report cards from December/January and March/April.
2. For the **Most Improved Student Award**, applicants must send the copy of their final report card from the previous academic year as well as the report cards addressed in section (1).

**Reference Letters**

3. All applicants must submit a **minimum of two (2) and maximum of three (3) letters of reference** supporting their application for the chosen award. The letters of reference should be current and should not exceed the above-mentioned limit. References should not include relatives of friends. References can be from teachers, employers, guidance counselors, and volunteer or community organizations however, must be after January 2001.

**C****SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

- Please answer **only** questions that pertain to the award(s) that you are applying for. **Note**- there are no short answer questions for the Performing Arts award.
- Please answer the short answer questions from Section C on a separate sheet and insert that completed paper into the appropriate section of the application form. **Do not exceed the limit of 150 words for each short answer questions.** Clearly mention the section and the number of the question in your answer sheet. Do not forget to list the award that you are writing the answers for.
- If you are applying for two awards, you must include answers to the required questions for both awards.

**C****SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS****1. Academic Award**

- (a) How would you counter the competitive spirit that is sometimes generated by differences in academic results?
- (b) The mass media is extremely influential in the lives and lifestyles of youth. Can you identify one example of how your personal attitude has been influenced by the mass media or how it has impacted your life academically? Expand upon your example.

**2. Athletic Award:**

- (a) Do you believe that students that are granted athletic scholarships for post secondary institutions should be responsible for maintaining a specific academic average throughout their academic career in spite of their heightened participation in extra-curricular activities? Explain your answer.
- (b) Considering the list of sports that are now recognized in the Olympics, suggest one sport that should either be added to the list or eliminated. Explain your answer.

**3. Most Improved Student Award:**

- (a) If you could have an unconventional job (ex. Restaurant critic, UN Secretary General, etc.) for one day of your life, what would it be and why? Be creative and explore the diverse opportunities.
- (b) We all have many things that we can be thankful for. Describe what you are most thankful for and why. Be specific.

**4. Outstanding Community Contribution Award:**

- (a) Adoption of kids with disabilities comes with a lot of responsibilities for new parents. What policies do you believe should be implemented in order to increase the adoption and acceptance rates of such children worldwide? Be creative and expand on your answer concisely.
- (b) If you could nominate one person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, who would it be and why?

**5. Overall Achievement Award:**

- (a) Describe your greatest success or most difficult failure? How has this shaped your character?
- (b) If you could be any one person in history for one full day, who would it be and why?

**6. Unique Distinguished Effort Award:**

- (a) Explain the hardships that you have encountered and how you managed to continue with your education and maintain a balanced lifestyle.
- (b) If you could start your own business, what kind of business would it be and why? Use your imagination.



**D** **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Please provide a list of the **most current** and significant activities and achievements **within the last two years**. Participation or contributions to community organizations are an asset.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Organization	Role/Position	Duration	Hours/Week:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Organization	Role/Position	Duration	Hours/Week:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**EMPLOYMENT**

Company	Role/Position	Duration	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, & HONOURABLE MENTIONS:**

Names and Description	Date Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If needed, add **one** additional sheet. Please send any copies of relevant documentation (ex. certificates, etc)

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## ESSAY QUESTION

Answers may be submitted in the space provided below or you may attach an additional sheet. Essays must not be less than 350 words or more than 400 words.

**In a time where we are seeing several shifts in leadership, what do you think it takes to be a real leader? Discuss three characteristics that you think are imperative for good leaders to possess. Be creative and clearly explain your answers. You may use examples to supplement your points.**

**F** **DECLARATION OF APPLICANT**

Applicants **must sign and acknowledge** the declaration in order for the application to be considered.

1. I certify that all information provided on this application form and in all the documents herein attached are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I understand that all information submitted becomes the property of CanTYD and I authorize the release of information to the Awards of Excellence committee.
3. I waive any right that I may possess by law, to access my application after submission.
4. I hereby agree to abide by all decisions made by the Awards of Excellence panel of judges.
5. I understand and commit that any information that I have submitted may be used for the promotional purposes of the Awards of Excellence and CanTYD.
6. Furthermore, if selected as an Award recipient, I hereby attest that I will participate accordingly in the Awards of Excellence ceremony and fulfill all the responsibilities of an Award winner to the best of my ability.
7. I have read the rules outlined by CanTYD. By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by all these rules.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your completed application form and relevant documents to:**

**CanTYD - Awards of Excellence 2003**

**Student Awards Application**

**P.O. Box 55297**

**300 Borough Drive**

**Scarborough, ON**

**M1P 4Z7**

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AVG VERIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_