

APPLICATION FORM FOR
Scheme of
Mahatma Phule Outstanding Dalit Journalist Award to the
Creative Scheduled Caste journalist



1.	Full Name		
2.	Address		
3.	Date of birth		
4.	Certificate of Scheduled Caste (attach certified copy)		
5.	Nationality		
6.	Educational qualification		
7.	Details of published articles and analysis of issues concerning Dalit Samaj etc. as journalist		
8.	Activities		
9.	Award / Certificates received.		
10.	Since how many years working as journalist?		
11.	Remarks.		

Place :

Signature of journalist

Date :

APPENDIX

Rules and procedure of the Scheme for awarding “Mahatma Phule Outstanding Dalit Journalist Award” to Dalit Journalist

1. “*Mahatma Phule Outstanding Dalit Journalist Award*” shall be awarded to a dalit journalist who is presenting before the public, through medium of daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly periodicals, the issues concerning atrocities to the Dalit Samaj and their issues; to restore Manav Garima and creating awareness about their rights by expressing exploitation, atrocities, oppression, affliction, revolt agitation by the entire Dalit society including Scheduled Castes, and more particularly, by publishing articles establishing social assimilation amongst various classes of the society and manifesting self-esteem in Dalits.
2. Conditions for Award:-
 - (1) Cash amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousands only) and a Letter of Citation for this Award. The amount of award shall be paid through cheque.
 - (2) The person selected for the Award shall be invited to remain present for the Award Ceremony.
 - (3) This Award is to be awarded every year and for this purpose, the year means Financial Year.

- (4) In case this Award is not given to any person for a particular year, this Award shall be considered to have been postponed for the respective year.
- (5) All expenditure for Award Ceremony shall be borne by the State Government.
- (6) The Award will be given through the hands of dignitary as may be decided by the State Government.
- (7) For the purpose of selection of Award, contribution of a Dalit Journalist during last 5 years for upliftment of Scheduled Caste people by creative journalism will be considered.

3. Procedure for recommendation for the Award:-

(1) Following persons/organizations can recommend for the Award—

- (a). Individual/institutions having knowledge in literature and associated with the social service works.
- (b). Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Judges of High Court.
- (c). Individuals, organizations or associations having received or won awards at the State, National or International levels.
- (d). Vice Chancellor of University,

(e). Any individual or organization as may be selected by the Award Selection Committee, for recommending name of such individual.

(2) The individual who recommends his own name for the Award, shall not be considered.

(3) Only one name can be recommended by abovementioned individuals or organizations.

(4) Members of the Selection Committee for this Award cannot recommend any name for the Award.

4. Date for Award:-

Proposals will be invited for Mahatma Phule Outstanding Dalit Journalist every year by issuing advertisements in writing in leading newspaper, in the enclosed format. The proposals-recommendations received in response thereto within prescribed time limit shall be considered by the Award Selection Committee. Proposals those received after prescribed time limit shall not be entertained.

5. Award Selection Committee :-

(1) The State Government will constitute an Advisory Committee consisting of following members for selection of a journalist for this Award:

- i. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment - Chairman
- ii. Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment – Member
- iii. A Scheduled Caste Member of Parliament or Member of Legislative Assembly – Member
- iv. An individual who has worked in literary field for upliftment of Scheduled Caste people – Member
- v. Two reputed persons associated with journalism – Members
- vi. Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment – Member
- vii. Director, Scheduled Caste Welfare – Member Secretary

- (2) The tenure of the Award Selection Committee shall be 3 years.
- (3) The Award Selection Committee shall take its decision with majority and in case where there is division of votes equally, Chairman of the Committee shall have right of casting vote.
- (4) The Director, Scheduled Caste Welfare, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar shall undertake entire exercise of obtaining proposals for the award, scrutiny thereof and placing it before the Committee.
- (5) The Award Selection Committee, after considering the proposals received for Award, shall intimate name of the journalist eligible for Award, to the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, on the basis of which the State Government shall take action for Award.

The Director of Scheduled Caste Welfare shall carry out all responsibility of Award Ceremony.

- (6) Proceeding of the Selection Committee shall be in writing and maintained with secrecy.
- (7) No representation with regard to decision of the Selection Committee shall be entertained.
- (8) This Award will be presented in a special award ceremony.

General :

1. The State Government shall have all rights to amend any of the above rules.
2. The Selection Committee for Award shall have authority to frame sub-rules and adopt procedure in consonance with the same, in respect of its functions, however, informal consent for the same shall have to be obtained from the State Government.