

CULTURAL MEDALLION & YOUNG ARTIST AWARD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I ABOUT THE AWARDS

What do the Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award recognise?

The Cultural Medallion (CM) is Singapore's highest artistic accolade, recognising individuals whose artistic excellence as well as contribution and commitment to the arts have enriched and helped shape Singapore's cultural landscape.

The Young Artist Award (YAA) is Singapore's highest award for recognising young arts practitioners, aged 35 and below, whose artistic achievements and commitment have distinguished them among their peers.

What do recipients receive?

CM recipients will receive a medallion and a certificate. Each Cultural Medallion recipient will also be able to access the Cultural Medallion Fund of \$80,000. The Fund supports recipients' continuous artistic pursuits and efforts towards advancing Singapore's artistic development for the benefit of society.

YAA recipients will receive a trophy and a certificate. Each Young Artist Award recipient will also be able to access the Young Artist Award Grant of \$20,000. The Grant supports recipients' continuous artistic pursuits and development.

In addition, CMYAA recipients will be profiled in an award ceremony publication and video which will document their artistic journey and contributions.

II NOMINATIONS

Who can nominate?

The Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award are open to public nominations once a year. Self-nominations and nominations from immediate family members[^] and staff of the National Arts Council are not accepted.

[^]Immediate family members refer to the nominee's spouse, parents (including step-parents and parents-in-law), children and siblings.

Can I nominate someone posthumously?

No. Nominations for the Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award are only accepted for living artists. The Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award will not be conferred posthumously.

What is the cut-off age for the Young Artist Award?

To be eligible for the Young Artist Award, nominees must be 35 years or below as of 31 December 2019. Nominees who are above 35 are ineligible, and will not be considered for the award.

Does the number of nominations/nominators affect the nominee's chances of receiving the award?

No. Each nominee is assessed by specialist assessment panels according to the extent to which he/she meets the published criteria for the award. The number of nominators or nominations for a nominee does not affect the likelihood of him/her receiving the award.

Can I submit more than one nomination?

Yes. Nominators may submit more than one nomination for each award.

Can I resubmit a nomination which was not previously successful?

Yes. A nominator may resubmit nomination(s) which were previously not successful. However, please also include the nominee's updated portfolio and CV.

Must my nominee know of his/her nomination?

Yes. Both the nominator and the nominee must complete the Declaration in **Section D** of the Nomination Form.

III *PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION* ***(for nominees to note)***

What happens to my portfolio submission?

All submissions will be reviewed during the award assessment. The portfolios will be retained by the National Arts Council until the Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award Ceremony in late October. If you wish to have the portfolio returned to you, we will arrange a time for you to collect the submitted materials from the National Arts Council in early November. If you do not wish to have your portfolio back, it will be disposed of by 31 December 2019.

What else can help support my nomination?

You are strongly encouraged to include any other materials, including letters of support, media reviews, articles, and critical essays, which best reflect the level of excellence and impact of your contributions to the arts and cultural scene.

IV SELECTION PROCESS

Is there a set number of recipients each year?

No. Recipients are assessed on how well they meet the awards' criteria.

How is the selection process carried out?

The awards process starts with a public nomination, followed by a shortlisting of the nominees by specialist assessment panels appointed by the NAC. Besides artistic merit, the selection process will also consider nominees' potential as role models.

Final recommendations will be submitted to the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth for approval.

V NOTIFICATION

When will I be notified of the outcome of my nomination?

NAC will inform all nominators and nominees about the outcome of their nominations before end October.
