

How to get selected for Dharmapada Award

- **What is Dharmapada Award?**

Dharmapada Award, the Highest Honour of the State of Orissa is conferred every year to the artists who have immense contribution in the field of Visual Art. This award is conferred by *Orissa Lalit Kala Academy* from the grants sanctioned by Government of Orissa. On this occasion the Academy also felicitates old and eminent artists.

- **Concerned Department**

Department of Culture, Government of Orissa

- **Eligibility for candidature**

A single artist for '*Dharmapada Award*' and five numbers of artists shall be nominated for '*ovation to artists*' under the following guidelines:

1. Age of the candidate must be 60 or more as per the date prescribed in the advertisement on local daily.
2. The candidate must have worthy contribution for the promotion of Orissa's traditional art or historic art as well as he/she must have done important work for the promotion and propagation of Orissan Art.
3. He/she must be an Artist/Sculpture/Art Historian of National or International repute.
4. He/she must have continuous involvement in the field of Art till the date of receiving Dharmapada Award and ovation.
5. Artist selected for '*Dharmapada Award*' and ovation should not be a member of General Council.
6. Names of the artists who have left their last breathe shall not be eligible for selection into '*Dharmapada Award*' and '*ovation to artists*'.
7. Artists already conferred with '*Dharmapada Award*' and ovation shall not be eligible to be nominated again.

- **Selection Procedure for candidature**

The selection procedure for candidature to '*Dharmapada Award*' and '*ovation to artist*' are as follows:

1. The names will be proposed for '*Dharmapada Award*' and Ovation as per the eligibility criteria by the established artists of the State. Advertisement on this comes in three major Oriya daily before the Commencement date of '*Dharmapada Award*' and '*Ovation to Artists*'.

2. After receiving the proposals, Academi office nominates 3 candidates for '*Dharmapada Award*' and 7 candidates for '*Ovation to Artists*' as per the decision of the Executive Board.
3. Considering upon these nomination criteria Academi office sends Ballot Paper having signature and seal of the Academi Secretary and serial no. on it to the Electors (selected as per the decision of the Academi) for receiving their view regarding the selection. Short Biographical Sketches of the nominated candidates are sent along with the Ballot Paper. Besides, stamped envelope is sent to the electors independently on behalf of the Academi.

- **Elector**

1. All the Award Winner Artists of State Level Lalita Kala Art Exhibition organized every year by the Academi since past.
2. All the Award Winner of "*Dharmapada Award*" and "*Ovation to Artists*" by the Orissa Lalita Kala Academi Award till date.
3. All the Ex. Presidents, Vice- Presidents and Secretaries of the Academi.
4. The elector can give a single vote if he/she was:
 - (i) Orissa State Lalita Kala Academi Award Winner; or
 - (ii) *Dharmapada* Award Winner; or
 - (iii) A Felicitated Artist by the Academi; or
 - (iv) Ex. President/Vice-President/Secretary of the Academi.

- **Counting Procedure**

1. The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Financial Advisor of the Academi will take part in the counting procedure.
2. After counting, the electors declare the names of the Award Winners having more number of votes in their favour in written. One artist's name for "*Dharmapada Award*" and five names for "*Ovation to Artist*" are declared and it is handed over to the Academi Office. Counted Ballot Paper and the other related papers will be kept in seal till the next six months.
3. After getting these names list Secretary of the Academi make them granted with the Executive Board and starts preparation of the Award Ceremony.
4. Names of two artists for '*Dharmapada Award*' and three artists for '*ovation to artists*' having lowest number of votes will be kept for next two years. Within two years if these 4 artists (For *Dharmapada*-2 and for *Ovation to Artist*- 2) found to be ineligible, they can't claim over the candidature in future.
5. In case of any inevitable circumstances, if it is delay in constitution of General Council of the Lalita Kala Academi and the estimated expenditure amount for '*Dharmapada Award*' and '*Ovation to Artists*' is already included into the budget of the Academi, in order to invest that amount in that current financial year, State's highest honoured programmes in the field of Visual Art like '*Dharmapada Award*' and '*Ovation to Artists*' will not be set-back.

- **Award Giving Authority and its Address**

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