

JAINA RECOGNITION AWARDS

We are very pleased to announce that, as done in past JAINA conventions, individuals living in North America (USA and Canada), who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Jainism and its principles, will be recognized during 2017 JAINA Convention in Edison. The types of awards and the maximum number of awards for each category are given below:

JAINA Ratna Award ----- Maximum number of awards = 1
JAINA Recognition Awards for Adults --- Maximum number of awards = 10
JAINA Recognition Awards for Youth --- Maximum number of awards = 5

The Awards Committee consists of Dr. Nitin Shah - Chair, Mr. Raju Shah, Mr. Shan Jain, Dr. Shirish Patrawalla and Mrs. Seema Jain. Like 2015 we will have a separate subcommittee for Youth who will send their recommendations for Youth Awards to the Awards Committee. The members are Dr. Nitin Shah - Chair, Ms. Sejal Dhruva, Mr. Parag Parekh and Ms. Anjali Doshi. Selection will be made based on accomplishment details provided on the attached Nomination Forms. The Awards Committee reserves the right to check the validity of accomplishment claims made.

The age requirement for Youth Recognition Awards is over 14 years and less than 30 years on July 4, 2017. Minimum age requirement for Adult Recognition Awards is 30 years on July 4, 2017.

Please note that:

- Award nominations for Adult and Youth recognition must be received from Jain centers who are members of JAINA. Jain centers can submit more nominations but a maximum of 3 adult nominees and 2 youth nominees will be selected for award from the same Jain Center
- A point system will be used for evaluation of nominations based on answers provided on the Nomination Form for various selection criteria questions. Any category on the Nomination Form left blank will be treated as zero point. Hence, please provide answers to all questions on the Nomination Form.
- Any supporting document attached with the Nomination Form should be legible and should be less than 3 pages for Adult and Youth Awards and less than 11 pages for JAINA Ratna Award.
- In case multiple nominations are received for the same candidate, Committee reserves the right to choose which one to consider.
- We will require an email to AwardsCommittee@jaina.org from the Nominee that he/she wants to be considered for the respective award for which he/she is nominated.
- JAINA Ratna – while a supporting letter for JAINA Ratna award is not necessary, committee will consider only up to first 5 such recommendations.
- Photographs of the JAINA award recipients will be published in the Convention Souvenir. Please send electronically a passport size photograph of the nominee along with your nomination. Do not forget to clearly identify full name of the person with the photograph.

You are welcome to nominate candidates by sending separate Nomination Form for each candidate **by e-mail to AwardsCommittee@jaina.org before April 12, 2017**. Please send electronically a passport size photograph of the nominee along with your nomination. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. The selected candidates will be informed by e-mail before May 8, 2017. For questions, please contact Dr. Nitin Shah by phone (562 244 9035), or by e-mail nitinshahmd@gmail.com

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JAINA RATNA AWARD

1. Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA
2. Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for local Jain Center
3. Contribution of time and/or personal financial support for the community-at-large to fulfill the JAINA mission based upon a non-sectarian approach
4. Publishing articles, lecturing, and teaching Jain principles; and displaying unselfish devotion for the advancement of Jain Religion
5. Participation in interfaith activities
6. Good natured, honest, humble and showing high level of personal character and integrity. Practitioner of major tenets of Jain Religion.
7. Describe up to top 10 personal achievements (not related to his/her business or profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission)
8. Contribution to Humanity Nationally and Internationally

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JAINA ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

1. Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA, YJA and/or YJP
2. Contribution of time and/or financial resources for local Jain Center
3. Publishing articles, lecturing, and teaching Jain principles; displaying unselfish devotion for the advancement of Jainism
4. Other significant personal achievements and community services not listed above (Do not include accomplishments related to one's profession or business profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission. Do not repeat items covered in previous categories)
5. Good natured, kind, honest, humble and possessing other good traits worth mentioning

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JAINA YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

1. Contributions to YJA or YJP and/or JAINA
2. Participation in youth activities at the local Jain Center
3. Other significant personal achievements and community services not listed above (Do not include accomplishments related to one's profession or business profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission. Do not repeat items covered in previous categories)
4. Good natured, kind, honest and humble and possessing other good traits worth mentioning

NOMINATION FORM for JAINA RATNA AWARD

Name of Nominee: _____
(First Name) _____ (MI) _____ (Last Name)

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Cell Phone _____

Describe below how the nominee satisfies or excels in each of the following criteria for 10 years or longer service (please add space as necessary under each criteria to list all accomplishments that satisfy/excel that criteria).

1. *Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA.*

 2. *Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for local Jain Center.*

 3. *Contribution of time and/or personal financial support for the community-at-large to fulfill the JAINA mission based upon a non-sectarian approach*

 4. *Publishing articles, lecturing and/or teaching Jain principles, displaying unselfish devotion for the advancement of Jainism*

 5. *Participation in interfaith activities*

 6. *Good natured, honest, humble and showing high level of personal character and integrity.
Practitioner of major tenets of Jainism*

 7. *List up to top 10 personal achievements (not related to his/her business or profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission)*

 8. *Contribution to Humanity Nationally and Internationally*
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Nominator: _____

Affiliation: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

NOMINATION FORM for JAINA ADULT RECOGNITION AWARD

Name of Nominee: _____
(First Name) _____ (MI) _____ (Last Name)

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Cell Phone _____

Briefly describe below how the nominee satisfies or excels each of the following criteria (please add space as necessary under each criteria to list all accomplishments to satisfy/excel that criteria).

1. *Contribution of time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA, YJA and/or YJP.*

2. *Contribution of time and/or financial resources for local Jain Center*

3. *Publishing articles, lecturing and/or teaching Jain principles, displaying unselfish devotion for the advancement of Jainism*

4. *Other significant personal achievements and community services not listed above (Do not include accomplishments related to one's profession or business profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission. Do not repeat items covered in previous categories)*

5. *Good natured, kind, honest, humble and possessing other good traits worth mentioning*

Nominator: _____

Jain Center: _____ *Position:* _____

E-Mail Addresses: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____ *(Home)* _____ *(Cell)*

NOMINATION FORM for JAINA YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

Name of Nominee: _____
(First Name) _____ (MI) _____ (Last Name)

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Cell Phone _____

Briefly describe below how the nominee satisfies or excels each of the following criteria (please add space as necessary under each criteria to list all accomplishments to satisfy/excel that criteria).

1. Contributions to YJA or YJP or JAINA

2. Participation in youth activities at the local Jain Center

3. Other significant personal achievements and community services not listed above (Do not include accomplishments related to one's profession or business profession except as Volunteers e.g. a physician volunteering on a medical mission. Do not repeat items covered in previous categories)

4. Good natured, kind, honest and humble and possessing other good traits worth mentioning

Nominator: _____

Jain Center: _____ *Position:* _____

E-Mail Addresses: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____ *(Home)* _____ *(Cell)* _____