



2018 KISHALAY AWARDS FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE

The **Kishalay Awards** program is administered through the Awards & Recognition Committee of **Ananda Mandir, Somerset, NJ**. Two cash awards will be offered each year to recognize superior writing skills of school age children and kin of Ananda Mandir members. Nominations are hereby invited for 2018 Kishalay Awards, which have been made possible by a donation from Utpal Sengupta, an Ananda Mandir trustee. Following are the basic rules that govern the award administration.

- 1) The first place winner will earn prize of \$300, and the second prize is worth \$200.
- 2) It is available for only school age children and kin of Ananda Mandir members. The contestants for the awards need to reside in the US, and preferably enrolled in a high or middle school.
- 3) A contestant will need to be nominated by a member of Ananda Mandir or be self-nominated following the nomination rules set forth herein.
- 4) Potential contestants over 18 years of age will be automatically disqualified.
- 5) Number of submissions is limited to two (2) per contestant per year. Only English prose (essay, story, report, article, etc.) would be considered, and the length should be limited to 2,500 words.
- 6) Submission of published article in any magazine (school or others) is highly encouraged although unpublished work will be accepted as well.
- 7) Nominations should include short biography of the author and his/her connection to Ananda Mandir.
- 8) Deadline for nominations (with copies of the submissions) for the 2018 awards is October 31, 2018. Awards will be announced and presented in Fall 2018.
- 9) All nominations will be made using the Nomination Form shown below and supported by electronic copies of the submitted piece(s) of work of the young author.

Please send nominations (with supporting documents) to

Subrata Bhaumik at Bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com (preferred way)

Or Mail to: 32 Scheurman Terrace, Warren, NJ 07059

In case of questions, please email Subrata Bhaumik Bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
KISHALAY AWARD FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE**

1) Full Name, Street Address, Phone Number, and Email of the Young Writer Nominated:

2) Is the Nominated Young Writer over 18 Years of Age? (If yes, please do not submit the nomination) _____

3) Is the Nominated Young Writer enrolled in a US High or Middle School? (If no, please do not submit the nomination). _____

4) Please provide reference to family connections of an Ananda Mandir member:

5) If the nomination is submitted by a third party, please provide full name and contact details. Also, please confirm that you have the permission of the author for such nomination, and that the author is related to a member of Ananda Mandir.

6) If the submissions are already published, please provide publication details.

7) Attach only the submissions and the nomination form duly filled out.

8) Nominating Person's Statement: "I have read the terms and conditions of the Kishalay Awards and accept them in entirety."

9) Signature of the Author/Nominating Party: _____

10) Date of Submission: _____