



## 2020 Kishalay Awards for Writing Excellence

The Kishalay Awards for Writing Excellence were established by Ananda Mandir (AM) in 2016. This program is designed to recognize superior writing skills of school age children and kin of AM members. The initial year awards were made possible by a donation by *Abhijit Sen*, a life member of AM. The awards of the following years were funded by *Ashok Rakhit (2017)*, *Utpal Sengupta (2018)*, and *Indrani Dhar (2019)*, respectively a former president and trustees of AM.

For 2019, the winners were Subhronil Mukherjee (**1st prize**) and Anuraag Sarkar (**2nd prize**).

Nominations are hereby invited for 2020 Kishalay Awards, which have been made possible by a donation by an anonymous AM member.

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 is 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- 6) Submission of published article in any magazine (school or others) is highly encouraged although unpublished work will be accepted as well.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 AM.
- 8) ***Deadline for nominations (with copies of the submissions) for the 2020 awards is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*** Awards will be announced and presented by the end of the year.
- 9) All nominations will be made using the Nomination Form downloaded from Ananda Mandir's website. **A sample is attached below**. Completed forms should be supported by the submitted piece(s) of work of the young author.
- 10) Nomination forms will be available on Ananda Mandir's website and distributed via email.

In case of questions, please email Subrata Bhaumik ([bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com](mailto:bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com)) or Ashok Rakhit ([ashokrakhit@gmail.com](mailto:ashokrakhit@gmail.com)).

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

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

***Please send completed forms to Subrata Bhaumik at [bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com](mailto:bhaumik.subrata@gmail.com)***