

## OKA Awards of Excellence – 2018

### General Guidelines for Applicants

The OKA Awards of Excellence will be awarded at our Diwali event on November 24, 2018. OKA Scholarship will be given to the most eligible student chosen by the OKA Scholarship Committee. All other students will be presented with "Certificate of Achievement". The OKA Scholarship is awarded to recognize the achievement and encourage the excellence.

All those who have graduated from accredited educational institutions are requested to provide us with their names, names of the Institution they have graduated from, the degree/diploma/certificate they have received, the date they received it to [oka2018award@gmail.com](mailto:oka2018award@gmail.com) no later than November 17, 2018 so that they may be presented with "Certificate of Achievement".

Those who wish to apply for the OKA Scholarship must adhere to the following guidelines.

The eligibility criteria for the OKA Scholarship are:

- Applicant and/or parent(s) of the applicant are current members of KAO/OKA and in good standing;
- The applicant must have passed the high school since our previous Diwali function;
- The applicant must have obtained admission for the first time since our previous Diwali function in a recognized college, university or vocational institute; and
- The recipient should be present at the Diwali Program to receive the scholarship and give a short acceptance speech, preferably indicating what Konkani Community means to him/her. Under unavoidable circumstances, a representative may accept the scholarship and make a speech.

### Guideline for Applications:

In order to make an objective assessment of applications, we request the applicants use the following format:

**1. Name/Address/Phone/Email of the applicant**

**2. Academic Accomplishments:**

- a. Name of the school:
- b. Year end aggregate grade/marks by year for each year at the school; and
- c. List of academic awards by year, with supporting documents, if any.

**3. Community Service:**

Details (by year and duration) of participation in activities that give back to the community we live in, like volunteering at food banks, senior homes, blood banks etc., specifically directed towards helping those less advantaged than us.

**4. Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Details (by year and duration, if applicable) of activities outside academics ~~alone~~: examples are participation in sports, debating clubs, special interests/hobbies, etc., that demonstrate traits in well rounded personally, leadership/team work and social awareness.

**5. Write in 200 words as to why they should be chosen; and one thing they would like to give back to the Konkani community.**

**6. Fill all sections to be fairly evaluated against the other candidates. Email your application and all documents to [oka2018award@gmail.com](mailto:oka2018award@gmail.com)**