



**Criteria for:**  
**GOPIO Community Service Awards 2014 for PIOs & NRIs**

**Preamble** The **GOPIO Community Service Awards (GOPIO CSA)** would be given for outstanding community service, public service and/or significant charitable or philanthropic contributions of benefit to the community.

The GOPIO Community Service Awards (GOPIO CS Awards) are neither in conflict nor in competition with any international, regional or country awards.

The GOPIO Community Service Awards are given in recognition of outstanding services to the community, society and humanity. The acquisition of wealth, business achievements and positions, academic scholarship, or achievements in any other field of human endeavor are not part of the selection criteria.

**A. Recognition:** For outstanding community service, public service and/or significant charitable or philanthropic contributions of benefit to the community.

The award recipient must have a broad-based, continuing commitment to community service, public service and/or significant charitable or philanthropic contributions of benefit to the community, as reflected in a variety of activities, programs and initiatives which have served the needs of the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) / People of Indian Origin (PIO) community. The recipient must show evidence of a true partnership with the NRI/PIO community.

**B. Eligibility** Non Resident Indian/Person of Indian Origin

Members and/or immediate family of the Executive Committee, Executive Council or task committee, councils of GOPIO International, and members of GOPIO chapter Executive Committees are not eligible.

**C. Geography:** One or two recommended candidates per region as determined by GOPIO International

**D. Selection:** A GOPIO chapter and/or the GOPIO Regional coordinator/Vice President/Country Coordinator can recommend up to one candidate each, with one alternate recommendation. The selected candidate must agree to attend the award ceremony to personally receive the award.

GOPIO International can also seek nominations from NRIs/PIOs through GOPIO newsletter, E-mail promotions, press releases in the media, and by other promotional means. However, the Regional Vice President and/or the Chapter President would be involved in the selection process as applicable to all other candidates.

Recommendation must be in written form, using the prescribed format/form, and must include a full resume, bio information, photograph and suitable references or supporting documents.



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**D. Selection (Cont'd):**

GOPIO Community Service Awards Selection Committee would make the final selection out of the list of recommended nominees. The Committee would include the Vice President/ Regional Coordinator for the selection of an awardee from a particular region.

Nominations do not guarantee selection for the awards, and nominees should not be promised otherwise.

Cut-off date for receipt of recommendations to be set by GOPIO Int'l.

**E. Character**

The recommended candidate must have earned the recognition, respect and trust of the NRI/PIO community, and be above and beyond reproach.

**F. Notification**

The recommended candidates, if selected, would be notified in writing by GOPIO International. Should the selected candidate decline or cannot attend the award ceremony, then the second recommended candidate could be considered.

The recommended candidates not selected for the awards would be notified by GOPIO International with a copy of the notification to the recommending GOPIO chapter and the Regional Coordinator/Vice President/Country Coordinator in writing, and would be done in an expedient manner.

**G. Acceptance**

The recipient must be present at the awards ceremony to receive the award.

The awards are to be given in an appropriate, commemorative form, such as a plaque or certificate, with GOPIO logo and the names of the issuing officials.

**H. Time Schedule**

Cut-off dates are to be based on the following:

- Selection
- Approvals
- Notification
- Acceptance
- Confirmation



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**Nomination Form**

Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (Org, Inst) \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Experience**

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Org/Inst/Corp \_\_\_\_\_ From — To \_\_\_\_\_

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List all national, international awards, honors and achievements (and respective dates received):

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Narrative (Reasons for nomination): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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References: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated Previously  Yes  No

Enclosed  Biography  Photograph  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to: GOPIO Community Service Awards Selection Committee c/o GOPIO Chairman Inder Singh  
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*Please refer to GOPIO Community Service Awards Guidelines Above*

**GOPIO CSA Deadline for Nominations April 4, 2014**