

PURSUER CRITERIA FORM

Who is a Pursuer?

AYE defines a Pursuer as a young person who is striving to gain or accomplish an extraordinary project aimed at highlighting Africa in a positive way. Simply put, a Pursuer is a future achiever.

Who is an African?

An individual with an African lineage (i.e. a person born abroad whose parent (s) is African, African American or a person from any of the Caribbean Islands)

Age and Ethnicity

- ❖ Candidate (s) must be at least 18 years of age and not older than 35
- ❖ Candidate (s) must be of an African descent. An exception will be provided for non-Africans who are pursuing projects that are African centered.

Geography

- ❖ Candidate (s) must meet the above requirements and must reside outside of Africa.
- ❖ An exception will be provided for a candidate whose residential address is abroad, but is currently pursuing a project in Africa.

Photography Requirement (Please see attachment for a sample)

- ❖ Candidate (s) must submit two (2) unpublished professional photographs of himself or herself.
- ❖ Photograph must be up close and of high quality.
- ❖ Photograph must be of high resolution and at least 2mb in size.

Note: Please see below for an example of preferred photography.

Submission Options

- ❖ Video Interviewing
- ❖ Question and Answers
- ❖ Technical Summary (Please see attachment for a sample of the write up)
 - a) Brief background history of yourself
 - b) Delve into what makes you a pursuer
 - c) Summarize your current major project
 - d) Talk about awards or recognitions you have received
 - e) Wrap up summarizing your future goals.

African Youth Excellence Awards (AYEA)

AYE will have its awards ceremony every year. The ceremony will award one pursuer per category. The various categories have been outlined below. Once a pursuer, you will automatically get entered into the AYE program. However, you shall go through a competitive process in order to win your category. Awards requirements will be announced in the year of the awards. There are absolutely no fees involved.

Categories

Young African in Arts

This is an award category that uniquely displays a segment of culture and is composed with many endeavours. He or she has either excelled in the area of literature, performing arts, creative writing or visual arts. This individual has established himself or herself to be uniquely different and creative through the concept of art, while displaying awareness for the African culture.

Young African in Public Service

A Young African in Public Service can be acknowledged as an Advocate or a Humanitarian for the African continent. This is an individual who has devoted himself or herself to publicly support a meaningful cause or policy that protects or improves the wellbeing of African citizens. He or she is a recognizable source for the promotion of human welfare for Africa as a continent and has made it their mission to reform those that are less fortunate.

Young African in ICT

A Young African in ICT is an individual who is specialized and has excelled in web application; primarily focusing on areas that include web design, programming, online marketing and application development. He or she has used their highly trained skill to perform within the African community and continuously strives for positive outcomes.

Young African Scholar

A Young African Scholar is an individual who has validated himself or herself to be a highly educated specialist by excelling in a particular area of study. A scholar should exhibit character traits of competitiveness, passion, persistence and authority. He or she must demonstrate him or herself to be an individual of great substance and has the ability to influence and educate the African community to obtain comprehension as well.

Young African Entrepreneur

A Young African Entrepreneur is someone who is courageous, consistent and committed; an individual who has pursued a business venture, overcome the many obstacles posed by the business world and has ultimately attained success. An entrepreneur will also exhibit excellent leadership qualities. This includes possessing and expressing the desire and will power to be an effective leader through endless education, training and experience to successfully guide and influence others. He or she must also have a successful business or organizations that can be correlated back to his or her African heritage and ultimately result in enhancing the lives of others.

Top High School Student

This award category focuses on one African high school student who has created an exceedingly reputable presence in his or her high school as well as his or her community. This student must have exhibited overall excellence by demonstrating himself or herself or to be a well-rounded student in the area of leadership, academics and community service in and outside school grounds.

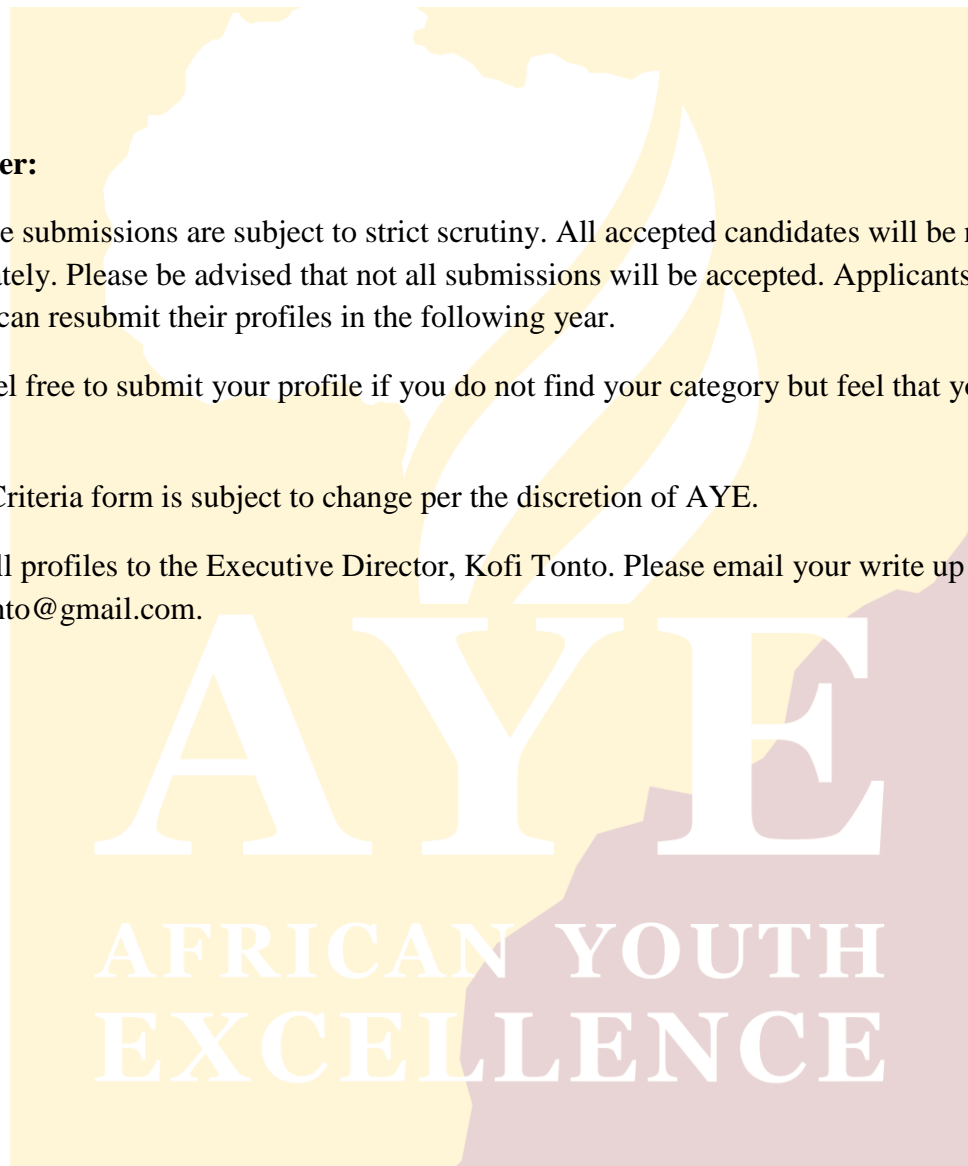
Disclaimer:

All profile submissions are subject to strict scrutiny. All accepted candidates will be notified appropriately. Please be advised that not all submissions will be accepted. Applicants who are declined can resubmit their profiles in the following year.

Please feel free to submit your profile if you do not find your category but feel that you are qualified.

Pursuer Criteria form is subject to change per the discretion of AYE.

Submit all profiles to the Executive Director, Kofi Tonto. Please email your write up and picture to kofitonto@gmail.com.



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