

EBEL Awards 2025 – Nomination Guidelines

Ek Bharat Ek Lakshya – Recognising the Architects of Youth and Sports Transformation

Overview

The EBEL Awards 2025 invite **nominations from across India and the world** to honour individuals and organisations that have made **outstanding contributions to youth development and sports**. The awards recognise visionary efforts in inclusion, leadership, innovation, ethical conduct, and transformative community impact.

These guidelines outline the eligibility, nomination process, documentation requirements, and key timelines.

Who Can Nominate

- **Individuals** may nominate themselves or others.
- **Organizations and Institutions** (e.g., NGOs, sports federations, corporates, government bodies, schools/colleges) may submit nominations or endorse a candidate.
- **The EBEL Jury** may also invite nominations in selective categories based on internal assessment.

Eligibility Criteria

- The nominee must have made a **demonstrable impact on youth or sports development** through programs, innovation, leadership, or mentoring.
- Contributions can be **local, regional, national, or international** in scale.
- Nominations must be supported by **verifiable documentation** (see below).
- For institutional categories, the organization must be **legally registered** and have at least **two years of operational history**.

Award Categories Open for Nomination

1. EBEL Ratna Samman (*Lifetime Contribution – By Jury Invitation only*)
2. EBEL Utkrisht Samman (*Excellence in Youth/Sports Innovation*)
3. EBEL Utthaan Samman (*Grassroots Impact*)

4. EBEL Dronacharya Samman (*Coaching and Mentorship Excellence*)
5. EBEL Khel Protsahan Samman (*Sports Promotion by Institutions*)
6. EBEL Yuva Vikas Shiromani Samman (*Changemakers in Youth Empowerment*)
7. EBEL International Catalyst Samman (*Non-Indian Collaborators or Investors*) 8.
EBEL Samaanta Samman (*Equality and Inclusion in Youth/Sports*)

Nomination Submission Process

1. Access the Official Nomination Form:

Visit www.stairs.org.in/ebelawards or [Insert Official Page Link]

2. Complete All Sections:

- **Basic Details** (of nominee and nominator)
- **Award Category Applied For**
- **Summary of Contributions** (Max 500 words)
- **Impact Statement** (Quantitative and qualitative results, 300–500 words)
- **Innovation and Sustainability Statement** (200–300 words)
- **Equity and Inclusion Efforts** (if applicable)

3. Upload Supporting Documents:

- Photographs
- Certificates or Awards
- Media articles (if available)
- Letters of Recommendation (min. 1, max. 3)
- Annual reports (for institutions)

4. Upload a Statement of Endorsement:

Required if nomination is made by a third-party or institution. Should be on official letterhead, signed by an authorized representative.

5. Submit Before Deadline:

All nominations must be submitted **on or before 10th May 2025, 11:59 PM IST.**

Review & Evaluation

All nominations will be evaluated by a distinguished jury using the following criteria:

- Transformative Impact (40%)
- Innovation and Sustainability (25%)
- Ethical Conduct and Leadership (15%)
- Equity and Inclusion (10%)
- Jury Impression and Originality (10%)

Shortlisted nominees may be contacted for additional information or verification.

Terms and Conditions

- Incomplete or falsified submissions will be disqualified.
- All decisions by the EBEL Awards Jury are final and binding.
- STAIRS Foundation reserves the right to shift a nomination to a more suitable category.
- Materials submitted may be used for documentation, research, or media purposes, with due credit.
- Awardees must be willing to participate in public recognition, storytelling, and mentoring activities coordinated by STAIRS.

Need Help?

For queries or nomination support, please write to us at:

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