

Selection Criteria

In order to discriminate and / or measure the performance of Integrated National Awards Aspirants, the Award Selection Committee of National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED) has devised selection criteria and star status. The national award selection process includes scrutinizing of nomination form along with the required supportive documents in accordance with fulfilling the mandatory requirements and this followed by recommendations of award juries to the / award chair of the selection committee in adherence to stratification with regard to award categories and finally assigning the star status. There will be a sentence describing the Award Status of all the Awardees in adherence with their selection to NFED's 39th Integrated National Awards '2026.

The Star Categories will be based on the following:

- 1) Education Qualification(s)
- 2) Relevant Domain Experience in Years
- 3) Registration (Applicable to Entrepreneurs)
- 4) Societal Significance
- 5) Award(s) & Recognition(s)
- 6) Domain Accomplishments (As Per Nomination Form)
 - a) Scientists / Educator & Scholar / Educator & Researcher
- Number of Publications (Research / Consultancy / Patents / Projects etc., No. of PhDs Produced)
 - b) Educator - Experience in Academics (Teaching Pedagogy, Curriculum Development etc.)
 - c) Entrepreneur / Social Entrepreneur / Self-Employed & Longevity / Existence, Scale of Operation & Socio-Economic Measures etc.
 - d) Social Activist / Social Worker / Volunteer - Number of Programmes / Events (Organized, Inducted, Hosted, Coordinated etc.), Resurgence Measures, Recognitions etc.
 - e) Governmental / Corporate / Non-Governmental Professional (Officials / Employees / Workforces (Year (s) in Service, Employer / Superior (Project / Human Resource / Resource Handling Activities) Recognitions / Public Services / Innovative Practices
 - f) Free-Lancing / Training / Development Activities / Social Sensational Activities etc.)
- 7) Extracurricular Activities (CSR / Societal Development / Welfare Programmes etc.)
- 8) Media, Publicity & Networking Activities

Categories & Scores

Young Category	-	Above 4.0 & up to 5.0
Senior Category	-	Above 5.0 & up to 6.0
Outstanding Category	-	Above 6.0 & up to 7.0

Star Status

S. No.	Star Indicators / Criterion	Points obtained
1	Education Qualification(s) & Registration (Applicable for Entrepreneurs)	1
2	Overall Experience (Teaching / Research / Training / Entrepreneur (Including Social Enterprise) / Industry / Corporate / Government / Non-Government / Freelancing / Social Service(s) in Years	1
3	Domain Accomplishment(s)	1
4	Award(s) & Recognition(s)	1
5	Socio-Economic Significance	1
6	Societal Contribution (Corporate Social Responsibility / Societal / Welfare Activities etc.)	0.6
7	Media, Publicity & Networking	0
Total Points Obtained		5.6 / 7.0

Note: Score above 4.0 will be considered for award endorsement. It is to be noted that only those nominees meeting the minimum scoring requirements shall be scrutinized under the above-mentioned categories by the selection committee for award endorsement.

Star Status is based on total points (score) obtained in accordance with aforesaid individual star indicator / criteria.

For instance, if an awardee scores 5.6 / 7.0 in the rating scale then the certificate shall highlight the star status as indicated below (overall points awarded by in accordance with the selection criteria will be printed at the backside of the award certificate):

Award Ratings: 5.6 / 7.0

