

With Bhagawan's grace and with His blessings, we are now ready to receive applications for the 2017 Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP). We encourage Canadian Sai Young Adults and members who have a close connection with the Canadian Young Adults program to consider this unique and divine opportunity. Please find below the 2015-2016 SSIYLP highlights, instructions for the 2017 SSIYLP Canadian application process, the 2017 SSIYLP format and the 2017 SSIYLP timeframe.

### **2015-2016 SSIYLP Highlights**

The Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP) was developed in 2014 to provide ideal leadership training to the young adults based on Bhagawan's teachings of unconditional love and selfless service.

Areas of focus include Bhagawan's Life and His Teachings, Overview and Functions of the SSIO, Bhagawan's Teachings on Leadership, Challenges Faced by Young Adults, Loving and Effective Communication, Team Dynamics and Project Management.

### **2017 SSIYLP – Canadian Application Process**

#### Who can apply :

For SSIYLP 2017, we propose nominations from all regions for young adults who are 21-40 years of age and are active in the young adult programme in Canada. This would also include members who are above the young adults' age limit of 40, but have close association with the young adult programmes, e.g. youth advisors and members of national councils.

#### How to apply :

- 1) If you would like to be nominated for the 2017 SSIYLP, please send us an email.
- 2) If you would like to nominate someone for the 2017 SSIYLP, please speak with that person to validate their interest and availability to take part in the program. If they are willing and available, please request them to send us an email.

To submit your nomination: Email us at [CanadianSaiYouth@gmail.com](mailto:CanadianSaiYouth@gmail.com) .

Once we receive this email from that nominated person, we will send them a form that must be completed and sent by January 21, 2017.

#### Admission process :

Once the registration is closed, further details will be forwarded to the Zone Chairs to confirm the selection of candidates. The Zone (Chair/Youth Coordinator) will be responsible for sponsoring their youth and committing to a manageable number (the SSIYLP Committee will provide further guidance to establish a suitable number for the Zone). The ZC/ZYC will have 3 weeks to consult national and regional teams and complete this task.

### **Format for SSIYLP 2017**

Six online modules are planned and the team will be further strengthened with SSIYLP graduates, following recommendations from the SSIYLP Committee. This will help us deliver the online sessions and the residential component to increased number of students. We propose to hold a four-day SSIYLP Residential Course in Prasanthi Nilayam in November 2017 to deliver modules 7, 8 and 9. All SSIYLP candidates are encouraged to attend; however, this will not be mandatory in view of financial constraints and other difficulties that may be faced. In such cases, the SSIYLP Committee will request the Zone Chairs to formally recognize graduating candidates who cannot attend the Residential Course in Prasanthi Nilayam. All graduates will be expected to complete a one year project after graduation. We will request Zone Chairs and SSIO Committee Chairs to identify projects before the conclusion of the online modules so that graduates can participate in

these activities; however, if graduates have specific projects they wish to initiate, flexibility will be given to encourage innovation, subject to official approval.

**Time Frames**

Dec 2016/ Jan 2017	Launch SSIYLP 2017 – deadline to submit names TBC
March 2017	Online Module 1 (Sathya Sai Baba’s Life and Message)
April 2017	Online Module 2 (SSIO Overview)
May 2017	Online Module 3 (SSIO Structure)
June 2017	Online Module 4: Sathya Sai Baba’s teachings on Leadership: BE
July 2017	Online Module 5: Sathya Sai Baba’s teachings on Leadership: DO
August 2017	Online Module 6: Meeting the Challenges of Young Adults
November 2017	Four-day Residential Course in Prasanthi Nilayam: Module 7: Loving and Effective Communication Module 8: Team Dynamics Module 9: Project Management
November 2017	Sathya Sai International Young Adults Grama Seva
November 2017	SSIYLP graduation ceremony
January 2018	Post year projects

Please note, the sessions will be in English and nominated participants MUST attend all the modules and are encouraged to be in attendance for the four-day residential course in Prasanthi Nilayam during November 2017 (exact dates will be confirmed in due course). The SSIYLP Graduation Ceremony will take place during Bhagawan’s 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday celebrations in Prasanthi Nilayam.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [CanadianSaiYouth@gmail.com](mailto:CanadianSaiYouth@gmail.com) .

Thank you.

With Love,

**CANADIAN NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM**

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