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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'AfrICAN Children of the Year Awards'

***Help a child or group of children anywhere in Africa to say I CAN***

As the Youngest Multiple Award-Winning Author of Chapter books in the world who wrote her first book at the age of 7 without her parents' knowledge, Stacey Fru's influence on others has given her great honour to be the custodian of the 'AfrICAN Children of the Year Awards (ACOTYA)' competition. This award fulfills Stacey's urge to celebrate other children as she gets celebrated.

**Read More or Nominate a child, children or group of children anywhere in Africa.**

### **What is the ACYA?**

The ACYA's intention and goal is to establish an Africa with future leaders that say I CAN as they;

- represent fellow children,
- create a circle of network of children, for children,
- motivate children,
- represents children's creativity and innovation,
- empower children,
- encourage children to learn from each other,
- encourage children to grow and mentor other children in their fields of influence.

### **Vision**

*"Growing up, growing minds".*

### **Goal**

To see children grow and reach their full potentials in their personal lives as well as their communities and future businesses.

### **Awards Owner**

Through her foundation, The Stacey Fru Foundation, Stacey Fru is the custodian of, and organiser of the AfrICAN Children of the Year Awards. The Foundation is established in honour of the life and works of Stacey Fru who is the youngest multiple Award-Winning Author of Chapter books. See her website [www.staceyfru.co.za](http://www.staceyfru.co.za)

### **Benefits of entering:**

ACOTYA competition is celebrating African Children and stating the Africa that is, and will be;

- ACOTYA competition provides entrants with the chance to celebrate their success from a young age.
- These awards provide children with exposure and current/future marketing opportunities.

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- Peers honour others' sacrifices, hard work in recognition of their value.
- The awards can be displayed within schools, homes, future workplaces/businesses, etc. inspiring trust in winners and others.
- Searching and connecting with fellow awards winners and finalists widens their networks.
- The rigorous nature of the competition will provide an excellent opportunity for children to blossom while learning to accept that they may not be the best.
- It facilitates the search and connection of excellent children across the continent including finalists and winners by governments and businesses.

#### **Basic Pillars of ACOTYA**

- Children too CAN!
- Exposing potential in young children.
- Rejoicing the achievements of young children.
- Promoting young children's interests.
- Forming a platform for young children.
- Supporting the development of young children.
- Swaying government decision-making pertaining to young children.
- Give parents reasons to trust and empower children from young ages.
- Unlock potentials in creativity and innovation for young children.
- Promoting the business interests of young children.
- Influencing future employment decisions-making pertaining for children.

By its nature of existence, the Stacey Fru Foundation is committed to see children succeed. It's role to uplift and recognise children for their outstanding accomplishments will be fulfilled by hosting annual "**Children of the Year**" competitions.

#### **If you enter, you CAN:**

- Identify strengths, weaknesses and gaps that may assist you to re-focus and become the real you.
- Attend events where you'll have the opportunity to meet other children.
- Network with other like-minded children and gain international exposure.
- Celebrate your journey from childhood.
- Stay self-motivated and inspire others.

#### **Who Qualifies?**

We encourage children all over Africa to say I CAN and to stand up and be proud of their triumphs and

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footprint left for others to follow. **The competition is open to children in ALL African countries between the ages of 7 and 13 (By November) who CAN.**

### **Judges' Undertaking**

The Stacey Fru Foundation will encourage judges to take care to ensure that all judging processes will be fair, valid and unbiased. Judging will be done by people of suitable exposure and expertise and judges will sign a confidentiality agreement wherein they undertake to keep all information received in the strictest of confidence.

### **The Judging Process**

**Step 1:** Initial entry assessment.

The first round of judging is based on the candidate's entry submission to [awards@staceyfru.co.za](mailto:awards@staceyfru.co.za) or call Nelly or Dorcas on 011 440 7501 before August.

Please supply the following because we want to give them a good overview of the entrants;

- Reasons why you qualify (you CAN).
- Written and signed consent by guardian(s).
- Your Birth dates
- Two references for your work.
- Filled questionnaire (below) about yourself and your parents.

**Step 2:** Short-listed entrants

Judges will short-list the most outstanding candidates in each of the Award Categories.

**Step 3:** Interviews

Interviews will be conducted face to face, telephone, in writing or via Skype judges for 45 minutes.

**Step 4:** Final Judging

Nominees' High Tea in October @ Profound Conference Centre in Johannesburg.

**Step 5:** Final Judging

Finalists in each category according to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Entry Terms and Conditions:**

- Entry is open for all AfrICANs born and/or living in Africa.

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- Winners will be required to remain members of the Foundation for at least 5 years after winning the award and be actively involved in their respective communities.
- Previous finalists may enter again.
- Only fully completed entry forms will be considered.
- All forms to be completed in black ink and must be neat and signed by guardians.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be allowed.

### Categories

**Do you know a child anywhere in Africa who is so good in what they do that you feel that they deserve an award?**

Nomination ends last day of September 2019. Updates on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @Staceyfru Emails can be sent to [awards@staceyfru.co.za](mailto:awards@staceyfru.co.za) Check out [www.staceyfru.co.za](http://www.staceyfru.co.za) to nominate.

**Enter any child age 7 to 13 for any of the following Categories.**

- **Arts and culture:** Focus on works that bring out artistic and cultural thoughts of children.
- **Education and skills development:** Most children learn from others. This category focuses on the children who are the teachers.
- **Philanthropist:** Charity begins at home, and it must be extended. For those who exhibit acts of giving.
- **Academic:** This category awards children who do well in school.
- **Leadership:** This award recognises children who have proven leadership in influencing others for positive impact in their schools, churches, communities, etc.
- **Community development/engagement:** Nominees will be children who are making outstanding difference in contributions to their community.
- **Motivational/personal development:** The children in this category work hard to see others flourish.
- **Science and Technology:** This will be children for the innovations they have initiated and/or developed.
- **Sports and recreation:** Look at children who show both high interest in and are performers.
- **Safety and security:** For children who have made others' safety their concern, be it at home, schools or communities.
- **Special mention:** Stacey Fru Foundation's selection of the child who WOWs the judges. This category is in recognition of the first Award that she ever won. Thanks to NDA.

**The Judges are looking for children or a group of children who have:**

- Tackled life's problems and obstacles with determination and creativity.

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- Applied innovative thinking to push boundaries and do things differently.
- Used self-belief to rise above adversity and reach their goals.
- Consistently demonstrated exceptional and progressive leadership.
- Displayed sound self-management and acumen.
- Mentored and inspired others striving for success.
- Used their success to give back to their community.
- Been children.

**Special Note:**

- Submit a short presentation on child and their venture.
- Winners will be announced at the prestigious Awards Afternoon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Johannesburg. Each winner's family will be responsible for transportation and accommodation.

**Judging Criteria and Judge's undertaking:**

Over and above the individual category criteria, entrants must be a child between 7 – 13.

- Judges will take care to ensure that all judging processes are fair, valid and unbiased.
- All judging will be done by people of suitable expertise.
- Judges all sign a confidentiality agreement wherein they undertake to keep all information received in the strictest of confidence.

**Awards Afternoon and Gala Lunch: 02 November 2019**

**Contact Details:**

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Kind regards,

The

**Stacey Fru Foundation's Team-2019.**

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## Entry FORM 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AfrICAN Child of the Year Awards 2019

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2019 **Time:** 12:30 for 13:00 **Venue:** Johannesburg, SA **Dress Code:** African  
**Entry Fee:** R130.00 **T-shirt:** R120.00, **Cap:** R100.00 **ALL:** R350.00

### DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT / NOMINEE

Name & Surname: ----- Date of Birth: ----- Gender: -----  
Place (Town): ----- Parent's Telephone Number: -----  
Parent 1's Mobile No.: ----- Parent 2's Mobile No.: -----  
Email Address: ----- Postal Address/ Residential Address: -----

### Categories

Arts and culture \_\_\_\_\_ Education and skills development \_\_\_\_\_ Motivational/personal development \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ Community development/engagement \_\_\_\_\_ Special mention \_\_\_\_\_  
Science and Technology \_\_\_\_\_ Sports and recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Safety and security \_\_\_\_\_ Philanthropist \_\_\_\_\_

Share a brief story of your contribution and its overall impact in your beneficiaries. -----  
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----- Please use extra pages where necessary.

**Join the Network. Winners of ACOTYA receive Trophies and Certificates. Nominees get certificates. Please see photos of the 2018 Awards @staceyfru on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.**

### Rules and Regulations

All children must be accompanied by adults. CTVSA is our official media partner and will be responsible for taking pictures and videos. Banking Details: Stacey Fru, Nedbank Account No: 1080575898 Norwood Branch. Email proof of payment to [awards@staceyfru.co.za](mailto:awards@staceyfru.co.za). No Entry will be accepted without proof of payment of non-refundable entry fees payable before closing date. The ceremony is preceded by Free High Tea for nominees 5<sup>th</sup> Oct; Children R35, Adults R150. Awards Ceremony is on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Accompanying adult FREE. Extra adult R500pp and children R50 including meals and raffle tickets. Extra Raffle tickets are R10 each. Each nominee to bring at least 6 under wears as donation (NO CASH) to Stacey's chosen charity. No make-up is allowed.

**DECLARATIONS:** I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated for the AfrICAN Children of the Year Awards. I declare that all information supplied by me is true and correct. I indemnify the organisers, partners, and venue for all loss, theft, damage, injury etc. sustain during ACOTYA activities.

### Details of The Person Helping an AfrICAN Child say I CAN

Name and Surname: ----- Relationship to Child: -----  
Address: ----- Email: -----  
Mobile No: ----- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_