**Full Name**

**DOB**

**Dance Style**

**Address**

**Tel**

**Mobile**

**Email**

**Section 1: Dance Training & Practice**

*(Please use an extra sheet of paper wherever necessary)*

1. **Regular Dance Training** - Please give details of where you have had your regular weekly training (include teacher / institution name and frequency of training).
2. **Specialist advanced training** –Please give details of any intensive workshops (at least one week in length) or any one-to-one training you may have had (e.g. training in India with a teacher/Guru/artist).
3. **What are the highlights from your performance experience? Please also list any work you’ve done in choreography if applicable.**

**Section 2: Goals & Self-Reflection**

1. **What are your ambitions** f**or your own dance development? (short description)**
2. **What do you think are your biggest strengths when it comes to dance?**
3. **What aspects of your dance training do you find the most challenging?**
4. **Where do you see yourself five years from now?**
5. **Why do wish to apply for Milapfest Yuva Nritya Ratna Award?**

**Section 3: Personal Statement & Documents of Support**

**Personal Statement**

**Please attach a short statement on a separate page (Approx 400 words) which covers the following:**

* Why you would like to apply for the award, and why you feel you are a deserving candidate
* How the Award will benefit you individually and briefly outline how you plan to utilize the award money.

**Letters of Reference**

* You must nominate two referees who have worked closely with you during your dance development (e.g your Indian classical dance teacher, choreographers, promoters / arts organisations). The referees must be over the age of 30 and not be related to you.
* The letters must be signed and dated and on official letterhead wherever possible, and posted directly to the Milapfest office if the referee is based within the UK. If the referee is based overseas, he/she may submit the application via email directly to **prav@milapfest.com**

**Video Clips**

* You must submit at least one and no more than three video clips, each a minimum of 7 minutes in length, which showcase your ability in Nrita (pure dance) and abhinaya (use of expression). You may choose to submit one clip which showcases both aspects within one piece.
* All video clips MUST be uploaded online for viewing (on Youtube or Vimeo). Please indicate the link to your chosen videos in an enclosed note if submitting your application by post or within your email if submitting through email.

**Conditions of Application Submission**

* Please ensure that you complete this application in full, with your signature at the bottom.
* Applications must be submitted along with links to video clips and a clear indication of when the letters of reference will be coming through. Please note that regardless of whether referees are based in the UK or abroad, their letters of reference will need to be with us at the Milapfest office (by post or email) by no later than the application deadline of **5pm, May 25th 2016.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
* If you are short-listed, you must be prepared to provide all the documents mentioned in the guidelines for the short-listed candidates and perform live in front of the judges on **July 14th 2016 in London**. Travel, food and accommodation in London for this final performance will be at your own expense. The winner of the Yuva Nritya Ratna award will be announced at the end of this performance. Please note that all performances will need to use recorded music – as no facility for live music will be available due to time constraints. Further details of the final stage of the competition will be given to successful short-listed candidates.

**Send your application form to Milapfest – Dance India Fellowship Awards 2012 by email,** [**archana@milapfest.com**](mailto:archana@milapfest.com) **or by post to the address written below.**

**You will receive an acknowledgement of your application and an estimated date when the result will be announced.**

**Application Checklist:**

Application form and Personal statement enclosed and sent by 25th May 2016, 5pm.

Links to online video clips indicated on email or separate form sent by 25th May 2016, 5pm.

Letters of reference on the way and will reach Milapfest by 25th May 2016, 5pm.

**I confirm that the details I have provided in this application form and personal statement are correct.**

Signed: (Applicant) Date: