

**GRANDFATHERING APPLICATION FOR
600-HOUR CERTIFICATION (INTERMEDIATE TEACHER STATUS)
OR 800-HOUR CERTIFICATION (SENIOR TEACHER STATUS)**

- * Applicants must maintain YAA membership and be a member in good standing. *
- * Applications must be received by the applicable deadline (March 1st for May certification, July 1st for September certification, and November 1st for January certification) and must be received **no later than November 1, 2021.***
- * Please be advised that any applicant may be subject to an audit of submitted documentation at anytime. *

Name: _____	E-mail Address: _____
Address: _____	
City/Province: _____	Postal Code: _____
Phone Number: (Home) _____	(Alternate) _____

The YAA recognizes **Intermediate and Senior Teachers** as experienced teachers and practitioners who may train hatha yoga practitioners to become teachers of hatha yoga in alignment with the training principles of the YAA. A summary of the requirements is as follows.

Please check off which level you are applying for:

- Intermediate Teachers** must have a minimum of **600 Hours** of training with **10 or more years of on-going learning and practice** of hatha yoga, including **6 or more years of on-going teaching experience** as a YAA Certified Teacher (or equivalent).
- Senior Teachers** must have a minimum of **800 Hours** of training with **20 or more years of on-going learning and practice** of hatha yoga, including **10 or more years of on-going teaching experience** as a YAA Certified Teacher (or equivalent).

Upon approval, a new certificate will be issued, and expiry dates will remain in line with the teacher's current recertification schedule. Records from previous and current recertification periods may be used. Although the same hours submitted for this application may also be used towards recertification, an **Application for Recertification must be submitted separately, when due.**

To apply, please submit this form to the above with the following:

- Up-to-date YAA membership** (current expiry date listed on the mailing label of your Yoga Bridge newsletter),
- Level and Status Approval Fee (\$50)** – attach cheque or pay online through the website.
- A **reference letter** from a YAA Certified Senior Teacher (or equivalent) with whom the applicant has mentored that attests to the applicants' maturity of practice and teaching skills, and
- A **character reference** from another YAA Certified Senior Teacher that verifies that their professional conduct reflects the YAA Code of Ethics.

Please provide the following information for review by the YAA Certification Committee: (Use more pages as necessary.)

1. For how many years have you practiced yoga regularly? _____ years.
2. In what year did you first start taking hatha yoga classes in a formal setting? _____

3. Give a synopsis of the history of your early yoga practice and teacher training. Give specific details such as workshop titles and instructors and names of weekly class teachers, if not already outlined in YAA documentation.

4. Describe the nature of your present yoga practice. (e.g. Tradition, style, types of practices, areas of interest, expertise).

5. Briefly describe the hatha yoga classes that you teach.

6. The YAA program requires that TTP students seek ongoing guidance and training from a YAA Senior Teacher and may also choose a YAA Intermediate Teacher. YAA Intermediate and Senior Teachers have a number of roles and responsibilities, which are outlined in *the YAA Senior Teacher Guidelines* and the *YAA TTP Syllabus and Certification Guidelines*, which can be downloaded from the YAA website at www.yoga.ca.

_____ **Please initial that you have read and agree to uphold the Intermediate/Senior Teacher responsibilities as outlined in the most recent *YAA Senior Teacher Guidelines*, dated _____.**

_____ **Please initial that you have read and are familiar with the most recent *YAA TTP Syllabus and Certification Guidelines*, dated _____.**

The information on this form is used to determine eligibility in YAA programs and may be made available to the executive, certification committee, yoga teachers and staff at the YAA. By signing below, I affirm that the information herein and all documents attached to this application are correct, complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understood and accept the stipulations of YAA Certification as outlined in the *YAA Recertification Guidelines* and will adhere to the *YAA Code of Ethics – Guidelines for YAA Certified Teachers (Appendix B)*. As well, I agree to have my name, phone number, and training program listed in the YAA Teacher Directory which is published in *Yoga Bridge* and on the YAA website. All other information is kept confidential. The YAA does not sell databases to third parties. I agree to receive commercial electronic emails from the YAA. I also give permission for photographs of myself taken at workshops to be used for publication purposes. My photograph can be used for YAA business or newsletter.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____