

**APPLICATION FOR  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATION**

- \* YAA membership must remain current for Permanent Certification to be valid.\*
- \* Applications must be received by the applicable deadline (March 1<sup>st</sup> for May certification, July 1<sup>st</sup> for September certification, and November 1<sup>st</sup> for January certification.) \*
- \* 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's Permanent Certification is awarded in recognition of distinguished individuals for their years of service to the art of yoga, in both practice and teaching, and for their commitment to the YAA role and guiding principles. **Note that levels and status approvals are not automatic and must be applied for separately. Full requirements are outlined in Section II of the YAA Recertification Guidelines.**

**Applicants for Permanent Certification must have 20 or more years of on-going teaching experience as a YAA Certified Teacher** (equivalencies not accepted).

**Please submit this form to the above address or email with the following:**

- YAA membership must remain current for Permanent Certification to be valid. We highly recommend purchasing a lifetime membership (\$30/year or \$350 lifetime) – attach cheque or pay online.**
- Permanent Certification Fee (\$200) – attach cheque or pay online through the website.**
- Prior approval as a YAA Intermediate or Senior Teacher, OR please request the following** (letters may be attached or sent directly to the Certification Coordinator at the email above):
  - A reference letter** from a YAA 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 Senior Teacher that verifies that the applicant's professional conduct reflects the YAA Code of Ethics and the Guidelines for YAA Certified Teachers based on the Code of Ethics.

**Please provide the following information for review by the YAA Certification Committee:**

1. Please describe the nature of your present yoga practice and teaching (e.g. tradition, style, types of practices, areas of interest, expertise). (Use more pages or back of sheet as necessary.)
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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.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_