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The deadline for submitting applications is **14th May 2010**. The candidates themselves, their advisors, teachers, and employers, as well as Members of the Cultural Foundation Board, may nominate candidates.

In order to apply, a written application must be submitted with personal data and a short biography (name, address, education, and professional activities), a description of the candidate's creative activities, and recommendations from at least two recognised cultural figures or from one creative association and one recognised cultural figure.

Please send all documents related to the application to the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation at A. Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn, or signed digitally to the following e-mail address: vpinfo@vpk.ee.

This year, the prize will be awarded for the ninth time. In previous years, the recipients of the Young Cultural Figure Prize have included actor, director, and translator Marius Peterson (2009), poet Kristiina Ehin (2008), ballerina Luana Georg (2007), composer Helena Tulve (2006), theatrical director Jaanus Rohumaa (2005), conductor Anu Tali (2004), literary critic Jan Kaus (2003), and composer Tõnu Kõrvits and folk musician Krista Sildoja (2002).

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