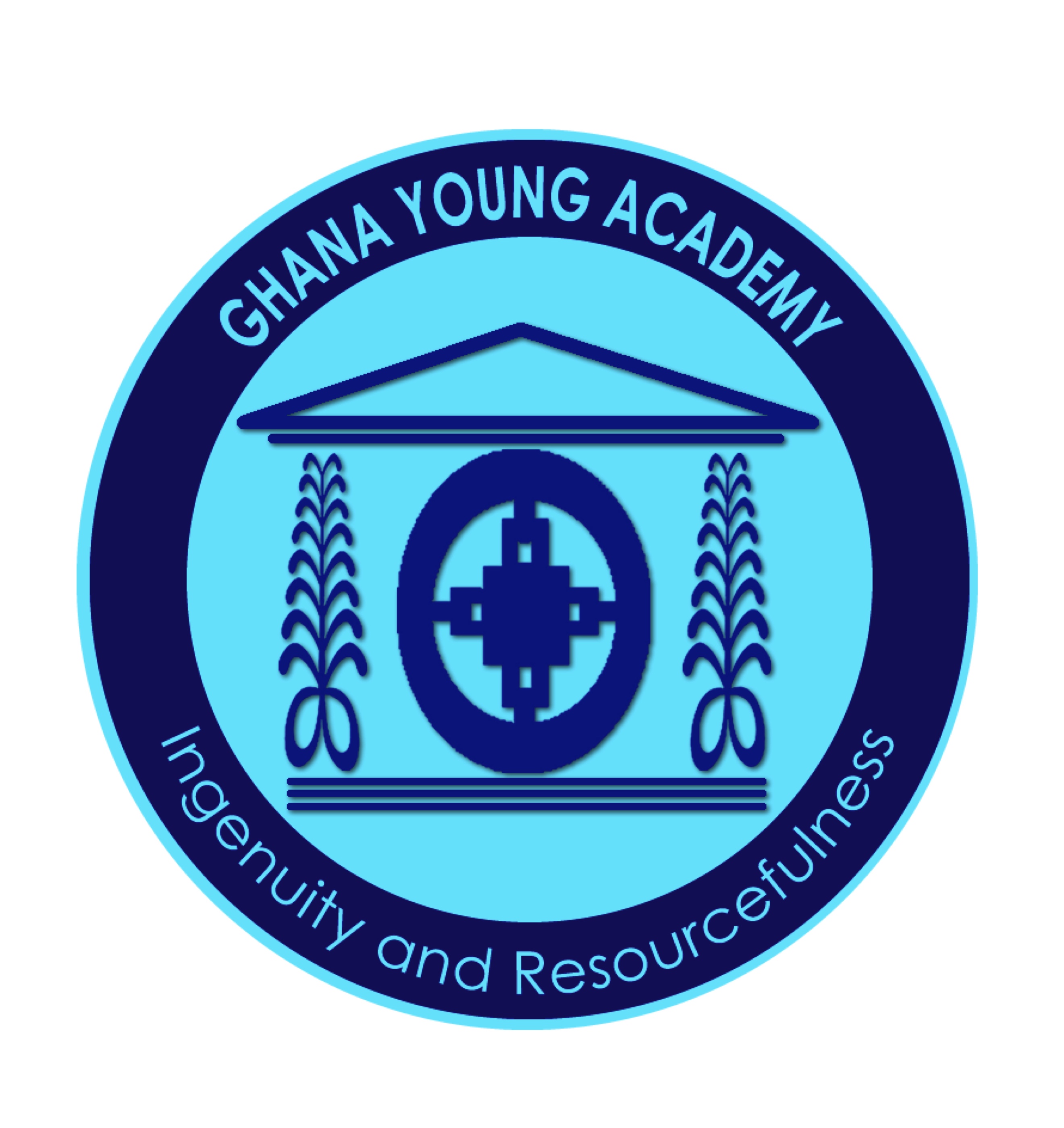
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**Ghana Young Academy (GhYA)**

***2024 Application for New Members***

Instructions for referees of applicants to the Ghana Young Academy

The Ghana Young Academy seeks to identify and appoint to its membership the country's leading researchers in basic and applied science, engineering, social sciences, arts and the humanities. In addition to their demonstrated research excellence, candidates should also be able to show an ongoing commitment to service or delivering practical benefit from their work.

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Successful applicants are expected to demonstrate one or more of the following:

* A career significantly in advance of their peers of similar age, as evidenced by: publication record; early appointment to a professorship or other senior tenured position; successful leadership and completion of major research projects; heading a research laboratory or group.
* Publications in leading local and international journals
* Receiving major national or international academic awards
* Service on national committees (government, national academy or similar)
* Appointment or election to senior roles in national or international academic organizations or professional societies
* Starting a successful company to develop and commercialize their research
* Appointment to a national academy
* Involvement in establishing a national young academy, or appointment or election to a senior role in an existing national young academy

Please include the following information in your letter of support:

* A brief description of your current professional position and qualifications to evaluate candidates recognized at the national or international level;
* Details of how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant;
* An explanation of why you believe that the applicant should be considered one of the top-ranked young researchers at the national level, as evidenced by the criteria listed above, or similar achievements;
* Your opinion on the commitment demonstrated by the applicant to the delivery of practical impact from their research, which might include economic, social, environmental or other benefits;
* Your opinion on how the applicant could both contribute towards and benefit from the activities of the Ghana Young Academy.

All information supplied will be treated in confidence, and used only for the purpose of judging applications to join the Ghana Young Academy.

**Please Note: All letters are to be uploaded with online application before deadline stated.**