



2021 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S BOOK AWARDS

The Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer

These awards are made available by the Western Australian Government and are managed by the State Library of Western Australia.

The Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer (\$15,000)

For the first published work of prose, poetry or narrative nonfiction, in any genre, by an author or authors, residing in Western Australia. In the case of a book containing original illustrations, the illustrator and writer must both meet emerging requirements. The award and prize money may be shared between the writer and the illustrator.

Guidelines, terms and conditions

Below are the guidelines, terms and conditions for The Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer.

Closing date

1. The closing date for entries is **5pm (WST) Friday 21 January 2022**. The [online entry form](#) must be completed by this time and date. Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.
2. The online entry form will be processed and returned to you by email with your entry number and entry address label details.
3. Five (5) copies of the entered work must be received at the State Library no later than **5pm (WST) 28 January 2022**. Copies received after this date will not be accepted and the related entry will be void.
4. Confirmation that your works have arrived at the State Library will be acknowledged by email. Please allow seven (7) working days to receive this acknowledgment.
5. The State Library of Western Australia takes no responsibility for entries that are not received by the due date.

Entries

6. Only applications entered via the online entry form and submitted with five (5) original copies of the book will be considered for The Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer. Books and other entered material will not be returned. All entered material will become the property of the State Library of Western Australia. The State Library reserves the right to add these works to the State Library's collections, give them to judges or donate them to charity.
7. Works may be submitted in multiple categories (ie both – Writing for Children and Emerging Writer) and an author can be shortlisted in both categories. However, they can only win one category per awards cycle. If entering both categories, eight (8) books must be provided, eg one category would need to supply five (5) books and two categories would need eight (8) books.
8. The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards are free to enter, however the cost of sending books to the State Library must be covered by the applicant.
9. All works must be written in the English language, or have parallel English text.
10. Works may be submitted by authors, publishers or literary agents. Publishers or literary agents must have the permission of the author/s and illustrator/s.
11. Joint authors must have the permission of the other author/s to enter the work.
12. Works entered must be the author's own work and must not have been published previously in any other format.

Eligibility

13. All works entered must have been published between **1 January 2021** and **31 December 2021**.
14. Only works published for the first time are eligible.
15. The Award is for a first published book, in any genre, written by an author who has not previously published or self-published a book-length work of prose, poetry and narrative non-fiction in book form.
16. The author must be substantively a Western Australian resident for a minimum of 12 months prior to the closing date of nominations.
17. If a work has joint authorship, one of the joint authors must have been a Western Australian resident for a minimum of twelve months prior to the closing date of nominations. Joint authorship is defined here as meaning co-authors, editors, illustrators, translators etc.
18. However it must be the first published or self-published book for **all** authors and illustrators.
19. Self-published works are eligible but must have an ISBN number and be printed in book form.
20. Anthologies of poetry or short stories by more than three different authors and compiled by an editor are not eligible.
21. Published versions of books originally released electronically before the eligible period will not be accepted.
22. Permanent full time employees and Board Members of the State Library of Western Australia and permanent full time employees of the State Records Office (SRO) are not eligible to enter.
23. Books developed specifically as curriculum material are not eligible.
24. The judges or the State Library may request supporting documentation in relation to any or all of the above eligibility criteria.
25. The decision upon the eligibility of an entry is final.

Prize money

26. \$15,000 may be awarded to the winning author/s or illustrator/s of The Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer.
27. It is the responsibility of the applicant to nominate the category into which their work is entered.
28. Prize monies will be paid to the individual in whose name the award has been entered, according to the author's contact details on the online entry form.
29. In the case of the publication containing original illustrations, the award and prize money may be shared between the writer and the illustrator.
30. Authors must be living at the time of nomination. If the winning author passes away after the nominations close, the prize money will be paid to their estate.
31. Winners should seek independent advice regarding the tax implications of any prize.

Judging

32. The judges are not required to make awards in all categories if they do not consider the nominated books to be of sufficient merit.
33. The decision of the judges will be final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning their decisions.
34. The judging process must be free from any interference to allow for a transparent judging process. Any author, publisher, literary agent or lobbyist who attempts to undertake discussions or corresponds with a judge of these awards in relation to an entry or entries may be disqualified.
35. Due to the number of entries, feedback will not be available.

Winning and shortlisted entries

36. A shortlist will be announced via the State Library's social media channels and then published on the State Library of Western Australia's website. Publishers and authors will then be notified by email if their entry has been shortlisted.
37. The winners will be announced late June 2022. Nominees should be available for media, functions and public engagements. Winning entries and judges' comments will be posted on the State Library of Western Australia's website.
38. Publishers may include 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards – SHORTLISTED' and 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards – WINNER' badges on subsequent editions of the relevant work in a format supplied by the State Library of Western Australia.
39. The State Library of Western Australia expects that each winner of the Western Australian Premier's Prize for an Emerging Writer will be available from time to time to undertake media interviews and to promote these awards. For this reason, prize recipients should be prepared to undertake a small number of public appearances, media interviews (face to face or via electronic means), photographs or personal appearances at functions promoting these awards up to and including the next year the awards are presented.

Confidentiality

40. With the exception of personal information on the online entry form, the management of the awards gives no undertaking to keep confidential any information provided with the entries for the awards.

Other

41. Breach of any guidelines, terms and conditions will render an entry invalid.
42. Authors and illustrators will retain copyright and moral rights in their works. The Western Australian Government and State Library of Western Australia will not reproduce the works without permission from the author, except for uses permitted by The Copyright Act 1968.
43. The Western Australian Government may change the guidelines, terms and conditions or vary the awards process at any time either before or after the closing date of entries. No claim or entitlement for compensation for loss can be made for any matter relating to the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, including but not limited to a failure of the organisers or the State Government to comply with the guidelines, terms and conditions. In the case of major changes that effect the entry or outcome, all entrants will be notified via email.

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The closing date for entries is:
21 January 2022 5:00pm (WST)

Information about the Premier's Book Awards
and the online entry form can be found at:

slwa.info/wapba2021

