



Young Writers Award 2021

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2021

State Library of Queensland invites entries to this year's short story award, which aims to find the best short fiction by a young Queenslanders. On offer in 2021 is a first prize of \$2,000. Up to three runners-up will receive prizes of \$500 each. The winning story will be published in *Griffith Review*.

GUIDELINES AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

Please read and follow these guidelines and conditions of entry to ensure your story will be eligible for the competition.

General eligibility requirements

- The competition is open to Queensland residents aged 18–25.
- Entries must be submitted before **5pm AEST on Monday 17 May 2021**. Late entries will not be accepted.

Author requirements

- To be eligible, the writer must be:
 - a Queensland resident as at 17 May 2021
 - 18 to 25 years of age as at 17 May 2021
 - living at the date of nomination.
- Proof of residency and age may be required.
- Only **one entry per person** will be accepted.

Story requirements

- The short story must be:
 - an original work written entirely by the entrant
 - written predominantly in English
 - not currently be entered in other writing competitions, or under submission to a publisher, or subject to contractual negotiations, or have previously won a prize (previously shortlisted is permitted)
 - unpublished – this is understood to mean that the story cannot have been previously published in print or online, including self-published or on a blog.
- The entry must not exceed 2,500 words. There is no 10% leniency. Entries over 2,500 words will not be accepted.
- Stories that have previously been submitted for this competition are eligible for re-entry.

Other award information

- Entry is free.
- The 2021 Young Writers Award prizes will be awarded to the entry the judges consider having the highest literary merit.
- The prizes are:
 - First prize: \$2,000, plus publication and Queensland Writers Centre membership
 - Up to three runners-up: \$500, plus Queensland Writers Centre membership.
- Entrants grant State Library of Queensland a 12-month non-exclusive worldwide licence to publish their entered work digitally or in printed format. Entrants retain copyright to their work.

- Entrants agree to work with *Griffith Review* on their story if they are named the winner, and agree to enter, in good faith, into an agreement with *Griffith Review* that is suitable to both parties.
- The copyright of any material submitted remains with the author.
- The finalists and winner will be announced on the State Library website.
- The winner and finalists may be required to participate in media interviews associated with the announcement of the Young Writers Award. These interviews will be coordinated by the State Library's Marketing and Communications team.
- The winner and finalists may be required to have their photo taken for publicity purposes.
- Judges' decisions are final.

HOW TO ENTER

How to format your short story

- Please do not include your name on any page of your entry. Submissions are judged anonymously.
- Please prepare your nomination using the below format.
 - stories must be submitted as a Word document. *Do not send a PDF.*
 - use a Times New Roman, 12-point font size
 - use 1.5 line spacing with a three-centimetre page margin
 - include the title of your story in the header of each page
 - number each page
 - the word count cannot exceed 2,500 words (excluding the title).
- Save your document file name as the title of your story **only**. For example, Cinderella.doc
- Do not include your name anywhere in the file name, or anywhere in the entry.
- Entries must be submitted via the online form by **5pm AEST on Monday 17 May 2021**.
- The entry form can be found at: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/ywa>
- You will be required to enter your contact details and upload your story as a Word document to complete your entry.
- The judges reserve the right to remove from the competition any entries not complying with these conditions.

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions, please contact State Library of Queensland.

Phone: 07 3842 9321

Email: ReadingWriting@slq.qld.gov.au

Web: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/ywa>

PRIVACY NOTICE

State Library of Queensland collects the minimum personal information necessary to process a nomination and administer the Queensland Literary Awards. We will only use the personal information from the online application form for the purpose for which it has been provided and for directly related purposes such as contacting the applicant, assessing the merits of the nomination and to promote shortlisted and winning nominations. We will not disclose the personal information without the consent of the individual to whom the personal information relates, except for purposes directly related to administering this award program.