



## 2022 Young Writers Award Guidelines

### YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2022

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 2022 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 received by **5pm AEST on Monday 15 August 2022**.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- Previous winners of the Young Writers Award are not eligible to enter.
- Previous finalists of the Young Writers Award are eligible to enter.

#### Author requirements

- To be eligible, the writer must be:
  - a Queensland resident on 15 August 2022
  - 18 to 25 years (inclusive) of age on 15 August 2022
  - living at the date of nomination.
- Proof of residency and age will be required at the shortlisting stage.
- Only **one entry per person** will be accepted.
- Previous winners of the Young Writers Award are not eligible to enter.
- Previous finalists of the Young Writers Award are eligible to enter.

#### Story requirements

- The short story must:
  - be an original work written entirely by the entrant
  - be written predominantly in English
  - not currently 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), and

- Unpublished.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. Stories submitted to school or university courses (but not published publicly) are permitted.
- The entry must not exceed 2,500 words. 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 2022 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.
- *Griffith Review* editor/s will work with the winning writer on their short story towards publication and a contract offered with industry-standard terms.
- 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 and their publication in *Griffith Review*. These interviews will be coordinated by the State Library's Marketing and Communications team and *Griffith Review*.
- The winner and finalists may be required to have their photo taken for publicity purposes.
- Judges' decisions are final; judges reserve the right to not award any or all prizes.

#### 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 format below:
  - stories must be submitted as a Word document (no PDFs please)
  - use Times New Roman, 12-point font
  - 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 15 August 2022**.
- The entry form can be found at: [Young Writers Award Entry Form](#)
- Enter your contact details and upload your story as a Word document.
- 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.

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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.