



# Young Writers Award 2019

## GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### WIN

*First prize \$2,500*

*Up to two Runners up \$500*

*Entries close 30 June 2019*

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 on Sunday 30 June 2019**. Late entries will not be accepted.

### Author requirements

- To be eligible, the writer must be
  - a Queensland resident as at Sunday 30 June 2019. Proof of residency may be required.
  - 18 to 25 years of age as at Sunday 30 June. Proof of age may be required.
  - living at the date of nomination.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted.

## Story requirements

- The submitted short story must be
  - an original work written entirely by the entrant
  - written 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
  - unpublished – this is understood to mean that the story cannot have been previously published in print or online, including self-published or on a blog.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. To avoid any doubt, 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

- There is no nomination fee for these awards.
- The 2019 Young Writers Award prizes will be awarded to the entry the judges consider to have the highest literary merit.
- The prizes are:
  - First prize: \$2,500, plus publication and Queensland Writers Centre membership
  - Up to two runners up: \$500, plus Queensland Writers Centre membership
  - Up to four Highly Commended writers will received Queensland Writers Centre membership.
- Entrants grant the State Library of Queensland a 12-month non-exclusive worldwide license to publish their entered work digitally or in printed format. Entrants retain copyright to their work.
- The copyright of any material submitted remains with the author.
- The finalists will be announced Friday 30 August on the State Library website.
- The winner will be announced in October on the State Library website.
- The winner and finalists will 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 will be required to have their photo taken for publicity purposes.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## HOW TO ENTER

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A Story Template has been provided to assist you with your entry, and can be found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/ywa>

### 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 or .rtf document. *Please do not send a PDF.*
  - type or word process your manuscript text suitable for A4 size paper
  - 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
  - please number the pages
  - the word count cannot exceed 2,500 words (excluding the title)
  - if submitting illustrations, please do not send originals.
- Any physical documents and materials submitted for judging will not be returned.
- Please save your document file name as the title of your story only. For example, Once Upon a Time.doc
- Do not include your name in the anywhere in the file name, or anywhere in the entry.
- Entries must be submitted via the online form by **5pm on Sunday 30 June 2019**.
- 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 or .rtf file to complete your entry.
- The judges reserve the right to remove from the competition any entries not complying with these conditions.

## INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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

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

## PRIVACY NOTICE

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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.