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## 2017 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Submissions opening date** : 12 May 2017  
**Submissions closing date** : 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### **Invitation**

The wRite associates, in partnership with the national Department of Arts and Culture invite South African writers to submit their work for the South African Literary Awards for following categories:

1. First-time Published Author Award
2. K Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award
3. Poetry Award
4. Nadine Gordimer Short story Award
5. Creative Non-fiction Literary Award
6. Literary Translators Award
7. Literary Journalism Award
8. Posthumous Literary Award
9. Lifetime Achievement Literary Award

### **Background**

The main aim of the South African Literary Awards is to pay tribute to South African writers who have distinguished themselves as groundbreaking producers and creators of literature, while it celebrates literary excellence in the depiction and sharing of South Africa's histories, value systems and philosophies and art as inscribed and preserved in

all the eleven official languages of South Africa. The awards have become the most prestigious and respected literary accolades in South African literature.

Selections are made from published authors whose primary input is in imaginative writing - fiction as well as creative non-fiction. The work must demonstrate good linguistic presentation, the nation's identity, the societal values, universal truths, and cultural aesthetics, contribution to social cohesion and nation building and transcendence of time. To date, SALA has honoured one hundred and sixty one (161) recipients since its inception in 2005.

### **General rules**

1. The work must be original.
2. The submissions must follow the criteria.
3. Only South African official languages are considered.
4. All categories accept work in all eleven official languages.
5. Nominations must be accompanied by an endorsement of the author and/or publisher.
6. Five (5) copies of the book/publication must be submitted with copies of five (5) nomination forms.
7. All the submitted copies, whether successful or not, will not be returned to the submitting party.
8. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. Work that has previously won under any category does not qualify.
10. Set books are not accepted.
11. Submissions sent by electronic mail (email) or facsimile (fax), will be automatically disqualified and will not be replied to.
12. Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **Categories and criteria**

#### **1. First-time Published Author Award**

- The award is open to all genres
- The work can be fiction or non-fiction
- The author must not have published before in any genre
- Only works published in 2015– 2016 will be accepted
- No age restriction

#### **2. k. Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award**

- The award is open to novels and novellas only
- Only writers aged 40 and below are eligible to enter
- Only works published in 2015 – 2016 will be accepted

### **3. Poetry Award**

- Only collections by an individual author will be considered
- Only works published in 2015– 2016 will be accepted
- No age restriction

### **4. Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award**

- Only short story collections by one author will be considered
- No age restriction
- Only works published in 2015 – 2016 will be accepted

### **5. Creative Non-Fiction Award**

- The award is open to creative non-fiction works, i.e. biographies/autobiographies, letters, speeches and memoirs
- In the case of letters and speeches, only a collection of work published by one author will be accepted
- Only works published in 2015 – 2016 will be accepted
- No age restriction

### **6. Literary Translators Award**

- Only the literary works translated by a South African on South African works of art will be considered
- All the literary genres are welcome.
- Both the original and translated copies must be submitted
- Only works published in 2015 – 2016 will be accepted
- No age restriction

### **7. Literary Journalism Award**

- The entrant must have made significant contribution to the promotion and development of literature through writing about and analysing South African literature
- The award includes print and electronic media
- No age restriction

### **8. Posthumous Literary Award**

- The author will be judged on his/her overall literary achievement
- The profile of the author and any supporting material must be submitted
- No age restrictions

## 9. Lifetime Achievement Literary Award

- The author must be 60-years old or above
- The author will be judged on her/his outstanding work regardless of quantity and year of publication
- The profile of the author and any supporting material must be submitted

### Submissions information

#### Nomination Forms:

Download Nomination Forms on [www.writeassociates.co.za](http://www.writeassociates.co.za) or [www.africacenturyconference.co.za](http://www.africacenturyconference.co.za)

(Please note [www.sala.org.za](http://www.sala.org.za) is currently under construction. As soon as it is up, the information will be available there as well)

#### Submissions must be sent to:

The South African Literary Awards, P.O Box 1465, Randpark Ridge, 2156

- Please send us your postal track number on 060 509 5857 as soon as postage has been made
- We will confirm receipt of your parcel by SMS and email as soon as we have received it.
- Please ensure that you have included reliable email address and cell number in the nomination form

**Contact: [info@writeassociates.co.za](mailto:info@writeassociates.co.za) or 060 509 5857**

#### Important information:

The 2017 nominees will be announced on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on the websites and social media platforms.

The winners will be announced on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at an award ceremony, UNISA, Tshwane

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