

INVITATION

DEADLINE EXTENSION OF THE 2021 SOUTH AFRICAN LITERARY AWARDS (SALA) CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO 7TH MAY 2021

Fresh from celebrating 15 years of her epoch-making existence of celebrating and promoting South Africa's literary talent, this year (2021), the South African Literary Awards (SALA) is deepening her reach by adding the following categories, ***“Regional and Local Poets Laureate”***.

This brings the overall SALA categories to sixteen (16), i.e:

1. Children's Literature Award
2. Youth Literature Award
3. First-time Published Author Award
4. k. Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award
5. Poetry Award
6. Nadine Gordimer Short story Award
7. Creative Non-fiction Literary Award
8. Literary Translators Award
9. Literary Journalism Award
10. Novel Award
11. Posthumous Literary Award
12. Chairperson Literary Award (not open for submissions)
13. Lifetime Achievement Literary Award (not open for submissions)
14. National Poet Laureate Prize (not open for submissions) and
- 15. Regional Poet Laureate Prize**
- 16. Local Poet Laureate Prize (to be announced in 2022)**

The wRite associates, in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), invite South African writers to submit qualifying works for the 16th South African Literary Awards.

Submissions Opening date: 18th January 2021

New Submissions Closing Date: 7th May 2021

Categories and Criteria

1. Children's Literature Award

- Only fiction work is accepted, excluding works such as comic books, joke books, cartoon books, and non-fiction works that are not intended to be read from front to back, such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other reference materials
- No age restrictions
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted

2. Youth Literature Award

- Fiction written for readers from 12 to 18 years of age
- Only literary fiction work is accepted
- No age restriction
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted

3. First-time Published Author Award

- The award is open to all genres
- The author must not have been published before in any genre
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restrictions

4. k. Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award

- The award is open for novels and novellas only
- Only writers aged 40 and below are eligible to enter
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted

5. Poetry Award

- Only collections by an individual author are accepted
- Anthologies by multiple authors are not accepted
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restrictions
- All the work must be in one official language, multiple languages in one book are not accepted.

6. Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award

- The book should contain short stories by one author
- A book by multiple authors will not be accepted
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restrictions

7. Creative Non-Fiction Award

- The award is open to creative nonfiction 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 is accepted
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restrictions

8. Literary Translators Award

- Only literary works translated by a South African on South African works of art will be considered
- All literary genres are accepted
- Both the original and translated copies must be submitted and must be packaged together
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restrictions

9. Literary Journalism Award

- The entrant must have made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of South African literature through writing, presenting, commentating, advocating, reviewing and critiquing
- The award includes print and electronic media
- A sample of the author's work must be submitted. This can include videos, articles, podcasts and any other evidence of work and these must be x 5 copies.
- No age restrictions

10. Novel Award

- Only literary fictional work is accepted
- Only works published in 2019 and 2020 are accepted
- No age restriction

11. Posthumous Literary Award

- The author will be judged on his/her overall literary achievement, i.e. body of work
- The profile of the author and at least three (3) books (*different titles by the author*) must be submitted with the entry (*please note 5 of each title should be submitted*).
- Please note that profile alone will not be considered
- No age restrictions
- No restrictions on the books year of publication
- The contact details of the family member must be included in the nomination form

12. The Regional Poet Laureate Prize

- The author will be judged on his/her overall poetic and literary achievement, i.e. body of work
- The profile of the author and at least three (3) books (different titles by the author) must be submitted (please note 5 of each title should be submitted).
- Submit any information related to the poetic and any other literary work of the author e.g (papers presented, conferences attended/participated in/ talks engaged in and any activity you deem relevant to support the profile of the author. (Please note these requirements will not affect the outcome of the adjudication as the author will be mainly judged on their poetic and literary prowess and merit.
- Please note that profile alone (without books) will not be considered
- No age restrictions
- No restrictions on the books year of publication

Without discriminating against any official language, the devolution of the SALA Call for Submissions in this instance gives priority to works in the given area's prominent, if preferred, language/s, especially African language/s.

Submission's Guidelines

Submissions must follow the criteria as set out herein. Please ensure that you have read, understood and adhered to the rules.

#NO	GUIDELINES
01	The work must demonstrate good linguistic presentation, the nation's identity, societal values, universal truths, and cultural aesthetics. It must also contribute to social cohesion, nation building and transcendence of time.
02	All SALA categories accept work in all South African official languages
03	The work must be the author's original work unless in Literary Translators Award where it can be another's author's work translated by another author into another language.
04	Each entry must be written in one official language. SALA doesn't accept multiple language entries; except under Literary Translators Award, whereby the entered work will be in the benefiting language while the original in another language.
05	Five (5) copies of each entry must be submitted. Each copy must be accompanied by a nomination form.

06	An entry can only be made for one category. Should an entry be submitted for more than one category it will be disqualified.
07	Work that previously won a SALA award should not be re-entered for another category.
08	Work which was previously unsuccessful cannot be re-entered in future.
09	Set books are not accepted
10	SALA does not accept entries by email or fax
11	Nomination forms must be filled on line and 5 copies of the books must be sent to SALA by courier or self-delivery to the addresses given below
12	Nominations must be endorsed by the Author or Publisher.
13	Authors' and Nominator's full details must all be included in the Nomination Form.
14	Late submissions will not be accepted.
15	The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16	All submitted entries, whether successful or not, will not be returned to the submitting party.

About the South African Literary Awards:

Founded by the wRite associates, in partnership with the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) in 2005, 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 languages of South Africa, particularly the official languages.

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Having started with one (1) category – **the South African National Poet Laureate Prize** - in 2005, to date, SALA now boasts sixteen (16) categories, with the newest additions being the **Regional Poet Laureate**, (to be awarded this year 2021) and **Local Poet Laureate Prize**(to be awarded in 2022),

SALA accepts all 11 SA's official languages and has to date, honoured two hundred and thirty- seven (237) authors.

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, societal values, universal truths, and cultural aesthetics. It must also contribute to social cohesion, nation building and transcendence of time.

Submission information

Please note that this year, submissions forms are submitted online, however, the hard copies of the books must be submitted by courier or self-delivery to our office or by post office. Please see addresses below:

The books must be sent to:

Physical Address:

The South African Literary Awards
74 Mimosa Road, Randpark Ridge, 2125

Postal Address:

The South African Literary Awards
PO Box 1465
Randpark Ridge
2156

For enquiries:

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Important dates:

- Submissions opening date : 18th January 2021
- Extended Submissions closing date : 7th May 2021
- Announcement of nominees : 30th September 2021
- Announcement of winners : 7th November 2021