

Alberta Literary Competitions

To recognize and celebrate the highest standards of excellence in writing, the Writers Guild of Alberta hosts or administers the following annual awards:

Alberta Literary Awards

(with categories in fiction, drama, non-fiction, poetry, and children's literature)

The City of Edmonton Book Prize

The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story

Amber Bowerman Memorial Travel Writing Award

Entry Form

Award descriptions, submission guidelines and entry form for these awards are contained in the following pages.

The Writers Guild of Alberta also administers the **Isabel Miller Young Writers Award** and **The Alberta Screenwriters Initiative**. Guidelines and entry information for these awards can be located on our website at www.writersguild.ab.ca.

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Alberta Literary Awards

The Alberta Literary Awards were created by the Writers Guild of Alberta in 1982 to recognize excellence in writing by Alberta authors. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers Guild of Alberta. Submissions are evaluated on originality, creativity and quality of writing, as well as appropriate fit within a category. Prizes of \$1000 are awarded in the following categories:

- **R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature**
(alternates yearly between picture books and chapter books)
- **Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction**
- **Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction**
- **Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry**
- **Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama**

Please refer to the WGA website (www.writersguild.ab.ca) for a history of the awards and the authors for whom our awards are named.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in 2009.



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Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Authors of all entries in the Alberta Literary Awards must have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum of twelve of the eighteen months prior to December 31 of 2008.
 - All entries must have been published or produced anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31 of 2008 (except in the children's literature category).
 - Works not eligible for the awards are: unpublished manuscripts (except in the drama category), anthologies, and works less than 48 pages in length (except in the children's literature category).
 - The Awards Committee reserves the right to place a book in a category other than entered if deemed appropriate. The organization or individual entering the book will be notified of such changes.
 - If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in a specific category merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.
- Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction**
- Awarded for a novel or collection of short fiction by an Alberta author published in 2008.

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

- The children's literature category alternates yearly between picture and chapter books. The 2009 award will be presented to the Alberta author of a children's picture book published in 2008 or 2007.

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- Awarded for a collection of poetry by an Alberta author published in 2008.

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- Awarded for a non-fiction book by an Alberta author published in 2008.

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- Awarded to a play written by an Alberta author published or produced in 2008.
- Plays submitted to the Drama category may be one-act or full-length.
- Unpublished plays must have received their premiere production with a minimum run of three consecutive performances between January 1 and December 31 of 2008. Submissions must include proof of performance: ticket stubs, programs, etc. Plays must have been produced by or under the auspices of a professional or community theatre incorporated in Alberta; or in Canada by or under the auspices of a PACT theatre.
- Unpublished manuscripts must be clean copy, typewritten or word-processed, in standard theatre-script format and securely bound at the left margin.
- An unpublished play may not be re-entered if it receives publication in a future year.

Submission Procedures

- Entries must be mailed to the Writers Guild of Alberta, postmarked no later than December 31, 2008. An exception will be made for books published in December only if the WGA is notified of the late submission, in writing, in advance of the deadline.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers, or any interested parties.
- Ineligible materials will not be returned.
- Submissions must include a completed, signed entry form and five copies of each book or play for the first category entered. Any additional categories entered thereafter require an additional three copies of the book or play (per category).
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$25 fee per entry per category. Please make cheques payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*.

Send submissions to:

Writers Guild of Alberta
Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6

The City Of Edmonton Book Prize

The City of Edmonton Book Prize was established by the City Council in 1995 and is administered by the Writers Guild of Alberta. Entries must deal with some aspect of the city of Edmonton: history, geography, current affairs, its arts or its people, or be written by an Edmonton author. Entries may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or drama written for adults or children, published in the preceding year. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers Guild of Alberta. The winning author will receive a \$2000 cash prize. The award is co-sponsored by Audreys Books.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. The winner is announced and the prize awarded at the Mayor's Evening for the Arts in the spring of 2009.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Eligible books have been published or produced anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31 of 2008.
- Entries must deal with some aspect of the city of Edmonton – its history, geography, current affairs, arts or its people, or be written by an Edmonton author.
- Works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry or drama written for adults or children are eligible.
- Anthologies are not eligible except in the drama category.
- Unpublished manuscripts are not eligible.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

Submission Procedures

- Entries must be mailed to the Writers Guild of Alberta, postmarked no later than December 31, 2008. An exception will be made for books published in December only if the WGA is notified of the late submission, in writing, in advance of the deadline.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers, or any interested parties.
- Ineligible materials will not be returned.
- Submissions must include a completed, signed Entry Form and a sufficient number of copies as indicated on the Entry Form.
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$25 fee per entry per category. Please make cheques payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*.

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The City Of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize is awarded in honour of acclaimed Calgary writer W.O. Mitchell and recognizes literary achievement by Calgary authors. The prize was established in 1996 and is coordinated through a partnership between The City of Calgary and the Writers Guild of Alberta. The **\$5000** prize is awarded annually for an outstanding book of fiction, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature or drama published in the preceding year. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers Guild of Alberta.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. The prize is awarded at the Calgary Awards in spring of 2009.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Eligible books have been published anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31 of 2008.
- The author must be a Calgary resident for a minimum of two years, as of December 31, 2008.
- The following types of writing are eligible: fiction, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature, and drama.
- The following types of writing are *not* eligible: self-published works, anthologies, cookbooks, guidebooks, textbooks, technical manuals, bibliographies, works of a purely academic or scholarly nature, books of less than 48 pages (except children's literature), books that are not in English or French, multi-authored books if any one of the authors is not a Calgarian, reprints or new editions of previously published books, or unpublished works.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

Submission Procedures

- Entries must be mailed to the Writers Guild of Alberta, postmarked no later than December 31, 2008. An exception will be made for books published in December only if the WGA is notified of the late submission, in writing, in advance of the deadline.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers, or any interested parties.
- Ineligible materials will not be returned.
- Submissions must include a completed, signed Entry Form and a sufficient number of copies as indicated on the Entry Form.
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$25 fee per entry per category. Please make cheques payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*.

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Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

The Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize was established in 1992 as a tribute to Jon Whyte, a much-respected writer, historian and arts community leader in Alberta. These prizes recognize writers of the best essays submitted to this province-wide competition. Essays should reflect issues of concern to Albertans and/or the interests of Jon Whyte. \$500 will be awarded to the winning author.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. The winner is announced and the prize awarded in 2009.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Both emerging and established writers—aged 18 years and over—may enter this competition.

- Entrants must have resided in Alberta for a minimum of 12 of the past 18 months as of December 31, 2008.
- Entries must be original. Entries may or may not have been previously published.
- Only entries written in English can be considered.
- Entries are limited to one essay per writer and may be on a theme of the writer's choice.
- Essays must be no longer than 2800 words.
- Essays must be typed on plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper using accepted manuscript format. Faxed or e-mailed copies will not be accepted.
- The author's name must not appear on any pages of the manuscript. The title or title abbreviation of the essay should appear on each page of the manuscript. A cover sheet with author's name,

address, telephone number and email, title of essay, number of pages, word count, and the year the essay was written must be sent with the entry.

- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers or any interested parties.
- Entries must include a completed Entry Form and **four** copies of the essay. Manuscripts will not be returned.
- A \$15 entry fee must accompany submissions. Please make cheques payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*.
- Ineligible submissions will not be returned.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

Send submissions to:

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Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story

The Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story recognizes an outstanding short story written by an Alberta author and published in the previous year. A \$500 prize will be awarded to the winning author.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. The winner will be announced and the prize awarded in 2009.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Entrants must have resided in Alberta for a minimum of 12 of the past 18 months as of December 31, 2008.

- Entries must have been published (in an anthology, magazine or literary journal) anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31 of 2008.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers or any interested parties.
- Entries must be typed on plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper using accepted manuscript format. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.
- Entries must include a cover sheet with author's name, address, telephone number and email address, title of short story, and publication information.
- Entries must include a completed Entry Form and **four** copies of the short story,

along with proof of publication. Manuscripts will not be returned.

- A \$15 entry fee must accompany submissions. Please make cheques payable to the Writers Guild of Alberta.
- Ineligible submissions will not be returned.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

Send submissions to:

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Amber Bowerman Memorial Travel Writing Award

The Amber Bowerman Memorial Travel Writing Award was established in 2008 as a tribute to Amber Bowerman, a talented, successful Calgary writer whose life met a tragic end at the age of 30. Amber loved to travel.

This award will recognize a writer, aged 30 or younger, with an extraordinary non-fiction story to tell about how their life was changed by what they experienced when they travelled outside of North America. The winning piece will inspire others to leave home and see the world, or allow the armchair traveller to enjoy a vicarious adventure. The winning author will receive a \$500 prize. This award was established and is sponsored by Ann Campbell, an Edmonton writer and avid world traveller.

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2008**. The winner will be announced and the prize awarded in 2009.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Entrants must be 30 years old or younger as of December 31, 2008.
- Entrants must have resided in Alberta for a minimum of 12 of the past 18 months as of December 31, 2008.
- Entries must be original and may or may not have been previously published.
- Entries must be no longer than 2000 words and must be written in English.
- Each writer may submit only one entry.
- Entries must be typed on plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper using accepted manuscript format. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.
- The author's name must not appear on any pages of the manuscript. The title or title abbreviation of the essay should appear on each page of the manuscript. A cover sheet with the author's name, address, telephone number and email address, title of essay, number of pages, word count, and the year the essay was written must be sent with the entry.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers or any interested parties.
- Entries must include a completed Entry Form and **four** copies of the essay. Manuscripts will not be returned.
- A \$15 entry fee must accompany submissions. Please make cheques payable to the Writers Guild of Alberta.
- Ineligible submissions will not be returned.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

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Literary Competitions Entry Form

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2008

- Use this form for entries to the Alberta Literary Awards, The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, the City of Edmonton Book Prize, the Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize, the Howard O'Hagan Award for short story, and the Amber-Bowerman Memorial Travel Award.
- Submit one completed Entry Form for each book, play, short story or essay entered.

AUTHOR NAME: _____

TITLE OF BOOK, PLAY, SHORT STORY OR ESSAY: _____

(as it should appear on publicity material)

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Submission entered by: Author Publisher Other _____

Please specify: _____

PUBLISHER INFORMATION

Publisher Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

ISBN: _____

COMPETITION(S) ENTERED

ALBERTA LITERARY AWARDS (*please check category*):

- Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction
- Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama
- Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature
- Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- THE CITY OF EDMONTON BOOK PRIZE
- THE CITY OF CALGARY W.O. MITCHELL BOOK PRIZE
- JON WHYTE MEMORIAL ESSAY PRIZE

- HOWARD O'HAGAN AWARD FOR SHORT STORY
- AMBER BOWERMAN MEMORIAL TRAVEL WRITING AWARD

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

For Alberta Literary Awards, The City of Edmonton Book Prize, and The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

- 5 copies of book or play enclosed for first category entered
- 3 additional copies enclosed for each additional category entered
- \$25 entry fee PER book or play PER category entered, payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*
- Completed and signed entry form

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

For Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize, Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story, and Amber Bowerman Memorial Travel Writing Award.

- 4 copies of essay or short story enclosed, formatted as per guidelines
- Cover sheet as per guidelines
- \$15 entry fee enclosed, payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*
- Completed and signed entry form

METHOD OF PAYMENT

___ Cash ___ Cheque ___ VISA ___ MasterCard Please make cheques payable to the *Writers Guild of Alberta*.

Card No: _____ Expiry: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

By signing below we certify that the author and the submitted work meet all residence and submission criteria as described in the Award Submission Guidelines & Rules. Submissions will not be returned.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send all submissions to: Writers Guild of Alberta, Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3K6