

Alberta Literary Competitions 2016

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, nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature)

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story

James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction

The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize

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Alberta Literary Awards

The Alberta Literary Awards were created by the Writers' Guild of Alberta (WGA) in 1982 to recognize excellence in writing by Alberta authors. Entries are judged by independent juries recruited by the WGA. Submissions are evaluated on originality, creativity and quality of writing, as well as an appropriate fit within a category. Prizes of **\$1,500** are awarded in the following categories:

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

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

The submission deadline is **December 31, 2015 (postmark date)**. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in the spring of 2016.



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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, 2015.
 - All entries must have been published or produced anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31, 2015 (except in the children's literature category).
 - Works not eligible for the awards are: unpublished manuscripts (except in the drama category), multi-author anthologies, works fewer than 48 pages in length (except in the drama and in the children's literature categories), and reprints of previously published books.
 - The WGA 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.
 - The WGA reserves the right not to present an award in any category if there are not a significant number of entries received.
 - Pieces entered in previous years may not be re-submitted to the same category.
 - All published book entries must have an ISBN.
- ### Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction
- Awarded for a novel or collection of short fiction by an Alberta author published in 2015.

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

- The children's literature category alternates yearly between picture and chapter books. The 2016 award will be presented to the Alberta author of a children's chapter book published in 2014 or 2015.

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- Awarded for a collection of poetry by an Alberta author published in 2015.

Wilfrid Eggleston Award for Nonfiction

- Awarded for a nonfiction book by an Alberta author published in 2015.

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- Awarded to a play written by an Alberta author published or produced in 2015.
- Plays submitted to the drama category may be one-act or full-length.
- Plays included in anthologies may be entered, as long as a separate entry form is filled out, and a separate entry fee is paid, for each play that the publisher or author wishes to submit to the award.
- Unpublished plays must have received their premiere production with a minimum run of three consecutive performances between January 1 and December 31, 2015. Submissions must include proof of performance: ticket stubs, programs, etc.
- 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 later year.

Submission Procedures

- Entries must be mailed to the Writers' Guild of Alberta, postmarked no later than December 31, 2015. 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 each category entered.
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$30 fee per entry per category. Please make cheques payable to the Writers' Guild of Alberta.
- French language entries will be entered for competition into the 2017 Alberta Literary Awards.

Send submissions to:

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

The Writers' Guild of Alberta (WGA) also strives to recognize excellence in Alberta writing by awarding three prizes to authors of short pieces. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the WGA. Submissions are evaluated on originality, creativity, and quality of writing, as well as an appropriate fit within a category. Prizes of \$700 are awarded in the following categories:

- **Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award**
- **Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story**
- **James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction**

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The submission deadline is December 31, 2015 (postmark date). Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in the spring of 2016.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Authors of all entries must have resided in Alberta for a minimum of twelve of the eighteen months prior to December 31, 2015.
- The WGA reserves the right to place a piece in a category other than that entered if deemed appropriate. The individual or organization entering the piece will be notified of such changes.
- Pieces entered in previous years may not be re-submitted to the same category.
- The WGA reserves the right not to present an award in any category if there are not a significant number of entries received.

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award

- Awarded to an outstanding unpublished essay by an Alberta author.
- The award is open to unpublished pieces only.
- Entries must be no longer than 3,000 words.
- The award employs a blind judging process. To facilitate this process, the author's name and identifying information (acknowledgements, email address, reference to previously published works, etc.) must not appear anywhere in the manuscript.

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story

- Awarded to an outstanding single short story by an Alberta author published in 2015.
- Entries must have been published in a print or electronic anthology, magazine, book, or literary journal anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31, 2015.
- Entries must include proof of publication (e.g., copy of publication's table of contents, with publication date included).
- Unpublished short stories and reprints of short stories published before 2015 are not eligible.
- Entries must be no longer than 5,000 words.

James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction

- Awarded to an outstanding literary short nonfiction piece by an Alberta author on any topic published in 2015.
- Entries must have been first published in a print or electronic newspaper, magazine, anthology or journal anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31, 2015.
- Entries must include proof of publication (e.g. copy of publication's table of contents, with publication date included).
- Unpublished pieces and reprints of pieces published before 2015 are not eligible.
- Entries must be no longer than 5,000 words.

Submission Procedures

- Entries that are mailed to the Writers' Guild of Alberta must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2015.
- Entries submitted online in PDF or Word format must be submitted no later than December 31, 2015.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers, or any interested parties.
- Hard copies must be submitted on plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper using standard manuscript format (double-spaced, page numbers indicated). The title or title abbreviation and word count of the piece should appear on each page of the manuscript. Submit **four** copies of each piece.
- Online submission must be in standard manuscript format (double-spaced, page numbers indicated). The title or title abbreviation and word count of the piece should appear on each page of the manuscript.
- Submissions must include a signed entry form and be accompanied by a \$20 fee per entry per category. Please make cheques payable to the Writers' Guild of Alberta.
- Ineligible submissions will not be returned.

Send submissions to:

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Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6

To submit online, please visit:
writersguild.ca/awards-entry-2015

The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize

The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize was established by the City Council in 1995 and is administered by the Writers' Guild of Alberta. The prize was renamed in 2011 after the late Robert Kroetsch, who was best known for his Governor General's Award-winning novel, *The Studhorse Man*. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers' Guild of Alberta. The winning author will receive a **\$10,000** cash prize. The award is sponsored by Audreys Books and the Edmonton Arts Council. The submission deadline is **December 31, 2015**. The winner will be announced and the prize awarded in the spring of 2016.

Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Eligible works must have been published or produced anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31, 2015.
- 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, nonfiction, poetry or drama written for adults or children are eligible.
- The following types of works are not eligible: multi-author anthologies, books that are not in English or French, and unpublished pieces or manuscripts.
- 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, 2015. 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 as indicated on the entry form.
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$30 fee per entry. Please make cheques payable to the Writers' Guild of Alberta.

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Call For Nominations For The Golden Pen Award

The Writers' Guild of Alberta Golden Pen Award is presented to acknowledge the lifetime achievements of outstanding Alberta writers. Past recipients are W. O. Mitchell, Grant MacEwan, Rudy Wiebe, Myrna Kostash, Robert Kroetsch, Merna Summers, Aritha van Herk, Fred Stenson, George Melnyk, Alice Major, and Betty Jane Hegerat.

We cordially invite WGA members to submit nominations for the 2016 Golden Pen Award. Nominations for the 2016 award will be accepted until **December 31, 2015**.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees for the Golden Pen Award must:

- Be a writer living in Alberta or a writer living elsewhere who has spent a significant portion of their writing life in Alberta;
- Have produced a distinguished body of work over a longstanding career;
- Have made a major contribution to the Alberta writing landscape

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations can come from WGA members and the WGA Board of Directors.

To nominate someone for the Golden Pen Award, please submit a letter that includes the following:

- Name of nominee
- List of nominee's notable publications
- Description of significant contributions the nominee has made to the Alberta writing landscape
- Name and contact information for nominator

Note: Letters should be between one and three pages long.

The award will be granted only when warranted, and not necessarily on an annual basis.

Nominations are reviewed by a three-person panel that includes a board representative, a WGA member, and a past recipient of the award.

Send nominations to:

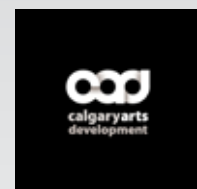
The Writers' Guild of Alberta
Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6

Or email: mail@writersguild.ca

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Literary Competitions Entry Form

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2015

- Use this form for entries to the Alberta Literary Awards, The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize, the Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award, the Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story, and the James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction.
- Submit one completed entry form for each book, play, short story, short nonfiction piece, or essay entered.

AUTHOR NAME: _____

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Submission entered by: Author Publisher Other _____

Please specify: _____

Please add contact information to the Alberta Literary Awards mailing list.

PUBLISHER INFORMATION

Publisher Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

ISBN: _____

Please add contact information to the Alberta Literary Awards mailing list.

COMPETITION(S) ENTERED

Alberta Literary Awards (*please check category*):

- Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction
- Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama
- Wilfrid Eggleston Award for Nonfiction

The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize

James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

For Alberta Literary Awards and The Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize.

- Five copies of book or play enclosed for each category entered
- \$30 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 Award, Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story, and James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction.

- Four copies of essay, short nonfiction piece or short story enclosed, formatted as per guidelines
- \$20 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: The Writers' Guild of Alberta, Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3K6
Or to submit online, please visit: writersguild.ca/awards-entry-2015