ABWF Short Story Competition Terms and Conditions

# Entry dates

The opening date for entries is 1st April 2024. Entries close at 11.59pm on 24th June 2024.

# Prizes

The winner of the Adult Open Category will receive $1000 cash prize.

The winner of the 12-18 years Young Adult Category will receive a $300 cash prize.

The winner of the Under 12s Category will receive a $200 book voucher.

# Who can enter?

Entries are welcome from residents of the state of Victoria, Australia, writing in English who are not currently paid, professional fiction writers.

# How to enter

Entries must be submitted via email to info@apollobaywordfest.com by **11.59pm on 24th June 2024.**

Include in the email body only your full name, age, story title, address of permanent residence and contact phone number.

**One entry per person.**

The entry fees of $10 for the adult category, free for under 18s and under 12s, must be paid by direct deposit to the following bank account:

**Apollo Bay Arts Inc. Writers Festival BSB Number: 633-000**

**Account Number 162 260 665**

**Please use your name as the reference/note when making your payment.**

The author’s name must not appear anywhere in the attached document, story or in the name of the digital file. Judging will be ‘blind’.

# Formatting your entry

Entries must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents (.doc or .docx).

The text should be presented in 12 pt font size.

The pages should be numbered. The file name should only include the title of the story.

Entrants should not include their own name in the title of the story or the file name.

Entries must be a single, adhering to the word limit for the category.

Entries must be written in English.

Entries must be original works of fiction writing, not previously published elsewhere or infringing on copyright laws.

Copyright in the story (or stories) remains with the entrant.

# Publication

Apollo Bay WORDfest Committee reserve the rights to publish the three winning stories in print and online using appropriate media platforms.

Authorship of the shortlisted stories will be fully acknowledged in the event of print and online publishing.

# The Judging Process

Judging is a ‘blind’ process. Entrants who have included their name in their document, story, or file name will be disqualified.

The shortlist of entries will be decided by the Apollo Bay WORDfest committee.

The panel of judges who select the winners from the shortlisted entries will be independent of the Apollo Bay WORDfest committee.

The judges’ decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into about the judgments or the judging process.

We are unable to provide feedback about individual entries.

Apollo Bay WORDfest reserves the right not to award a prize in any category.