



INVITATION:

THE 14TH CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN LITERARY AWARDS (SALA): 2019

The wRite associates, in partnership with the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) invites South African writers to submit their work for the 14th South African Literary Awards (SALA) in 12 categories.

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, philosophies and art as inscribed and preserved in all 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, societal values, universal truths, and cultural aesthetics. It must also contribute to social cohesion, nation building and transcendence of time. Since its inception in 2005 SALA has honoured two hundred and four (204) recipients.

Last year, 2018, SALA added two more categories, the *Novel Award* and *Children's Literature Award*; this year SALA extends the *Children's Literature Award* to include *Youth Literature Award*. These genres will be awarded separately.

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
10. Novel Award
11. Children's Literature Award
12. Youth Literature Award

Submission's General Rules

Submissions must follow the criteria. Please tick on the right side to confirm that you have read, understood and adhered to the rules.

#NO	RULES	TICK
01	All categories in SALA accept work in all South African official languages	
02	The work must be the author's original work unless in Literary Translators Award where it can be another's author's work translated to another language.	
03	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.	
04	Five (5) copies of each entry must be submitted. Each copy must be accompanied by a nomination form.	
05	An entry can only be made for one category. Should an entry be submitted for more than one category it will be disqualified.	
06	Work that previously won a SALA award cannot be entered for another category in future.	

07	Work which was previously unsuccessful cannot be reentered in future.	
08	Set books are not accepted	
09	SALA does not accept entries by email or fax	
10	Nominations must be endorsed by the Author or Publisher.	
11	Authors' and Nominator's full details must all be included in the Nomination Form.	
12	Late submissions will not be accepted.	
13	The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.	
14	All submitted entries, whether successful or not, will not be returned to the submitting party.	

Categories and criteria

1. First-time Published Author Award

- The award is open to all genres
- The author must not have published before in any genre
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 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 2017 and 2018 will be accepted

3. Poetry Award

- Only collections by an individual author will be considered. Anthologies are not accepted
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted
- No age restriction
- The work must be in one official language

4. Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award

- Only short story collections by one author will be accepted.
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted
- No age restriction

5. 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 will be accepted
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted

- No age restriction

6. Literary Translators Award

- Only literary works translated by a South African on South African works of art will be considered
- All literary genres are considered.
- Both the original and translated copies must be submitted
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted
- No age restriction
- The original and language of translation must be specified

7. Literary Journalism Award

- The entrant must have made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of South African literature through writing, commentating, advocating 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 restriction

8. Posthumous Literary Award

- The author will be judged on his/her overall literary achievement
- 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

9. Lifetime Achievement Literary Award

- The author must be 60-years old or above
- The author will be judged on his/her overall literary achievement
- A 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*)

10. Novel Award

- Only fiction work will be considered
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted
- No age restriction

11. Children's Literature Award

- Only fiction work will be 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 2017 and 2018 will be accepted

12. Youth Literature Award

- Fiction written for readers from 12 to 18 years of age
- Only fiction work will be accepted
- No age restriction
- Only works published in 2017 and 2018 will be accepted

Submission information

Nomination Forms:

Download Nomination Forms on www.sala.org.za or www.writeassociates.co.za

Submissions must be sent to:

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

For enquiries:

060 509 5857

info@writeassociates.co.za

Important dates:

- Submissions opening date	: 31 st January 2019
- Submissions closing date	: 29 th March 2019
- Announcement of nominees	: 6 th September 2019
- Announcement of winners	: 7 th November 2019

For more information on SALA: www.sala.org.za