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## INVITATION:

### THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH AFRICAN LITERARY AWARDS (SALA) CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2020

The 15<sup>th</sup> South African Literary Awards Call for Submissions are now open. The wRite associates, in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), invite South African writers to submit their work for these prestigious Awards.

**Submission Opening date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Submissions Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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 aim to become the most prestigious and respected accolades in the South African literary arena.

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 twenty-two (222) authors.

## **SALA Categories:**

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. The National Poet Laureate Prize (*not open for submissions*)

## **Categories and Criteria**

### **1. 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 2018 and 2019 are accepted
- No age restrictions

### **2. 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 2018 and 2019 are accepted

### **3. Poetry Award**

- Only collections by an individual author will be considered.
- Anthologies by multiple authors are not accepted
- Only works published in 2018 and 2019 will be accepted
- No age restrictions
- All the work must be in one official language, multiple languages in one book are not accepted.

### **4. 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 2018 and 2019 will be accepted
- No age restrictions

### **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 2018 and 2019 will be accepted
- No age restrictions

### **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 and must be packaged together.
- Only works published in 2018 and 2019 are accepted
- No age restrictions

### **7. 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 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

### **8. 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
- The contact details of the family member must be included in the nomination form.

### 9. Novel Award

- Only literary fiction/al work is considered
- Only works published in 2018 and 2019 are accepted
- No age restriction

### 10. 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 2018 and 2019 are accepted

### 11. 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 2018 and 2019 will be accepted

## Submission’s Guidelines

Submissions must follow the criteria as set out herein. Please tick on the righthand side to confirm that you have read, understood and adhered to the rules.

#NO	RULES
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 should not be re-entered for another category.
07	Work which was previously unsuccessful cannot be re-entered 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.

## Submission information

### Nomination Forms:

Download Nomination Forms on [www.sala.org.za](http://www.sala.org.za) or [www.writeassociates.co.za](http://www.writeassociates.co.za)

### Submissions must be sent to:

#### Physical address:

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

#### Postal address:

PO Box 1642  
Randridge Mall  
2125

#### For enquiries:

011 791 9209 and/or 060 509 5857  
[info@writeassociates.co.za](mailto:info@writeassociates.co.za)

## Important dates:

- Submissions opening date : 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Submissions closing date : 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Announcement of nominees : 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Announcement of winners : 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019