

Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust Unpublished Manuscript Award 2017

Criteria

1. Aim of the Award

- 1.1 The purpose of this annual award is to reward excellence in authorship for an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.
- 1.2 For the purposes of this award, the definition of Mind Body Spirit is that which encompasses a wide range of beliefs and has higher consciousness, expanded awareness and greater enlightenment as its goals.

2. The Award

- 2.1 A single award of \$10,000 will be given to the author of an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.
- 2.2 From time to time the Trust may award merit prizes for shortlisted manuscripts at the discretion of the judges.
- 2.3 Entries should be non-fiction or fiction for adults.
- 2.4 The shortlisted authors will be notified in mid July 2017 and the award will be presented to the winner at a ceremony at Hopetoun Alpha, Auckland on 18 August 2017.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Manuscripts must be a minimum of 20,000 words in length.
- 3.2 The author must be a New Zealand citizen (or a permanent New Zealand resident) living full time in New Zealand. A current NZ IRD number to be provided as evidence of residence.
- 3.3 The subject matter of submitted manuscripts must comply with the definition in 1.2 above.
- 3.4 The manuscript may not have been published in any form, including online or digital media, or have been accepted for publication by a publisher. Any copyright permissions must already have been addressed. However, an extract of the work, up to a maximum of 500 words, is allowed to have been previously published (please enclose a copy of this material).
- 3.5 A manuscript that has previously been entered to the award and has since been revised, must have 50% of new material to be considered a second time.

4. Conditions of Entry

- 4.1 Manuscripts must be received by 31 March 2017. Submissions received after that date will not be considered.
- 4.2 An entry fee of \$20 (including GST) must accompany each submission.
- 4.3 The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

4.4 Shortlisted authors must attend the awards ceremony.

5. Judging Panel

5.1 The judging panel will consist of three people.

5.2 Depending on the number of entries there will be a pre-judge who will be an experienced manuscript assessor.

5.3 The pre-judge will provide a list of no less than five and no more than ten entries to the judging panel.

6. General Judging Criteria

6.1 The purpose of this award is to reward excellence in authorship.

6.2 Manuscripts must be compatible with the values expressed in the definition in 1.2 above.

6.3 Consideration will be given to the work's ability to educate, uplift and enhance society.

6.4 The manuscript will be a significant addition to the Mind Body Spirit genre.

6.5 If in the opinion of the judging panel no entry is worthy of the award it will not be given.

6.6 The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

7. How to Enter

7.1 Entries will be accepted from 15 January 2017 and will close on 31 March 2017. Manuscripts received after the closing date will not be considered.

7.2 Please read the eligibility criteria and conditions of entry carefully before submitting.

7.3 Complete one copy of the entry form and forward with one copy of the manuscript.

7.4 Please ensure your entry fee accompanies your entry form. Cheques payable to : **Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust. Direct payments - BNZ 020192 0476790 00 – use “Book Awards” and your name as the reference.**

7.5 All authors are required to supply a short bio and high resolution (at least 1MB) JPEG author photograph for publicity purposes.

7.6 Manuscripts submitted will not be returned and will be shredded.

7.7 Please send your entry to:

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