

Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust Unpublished Manuscript Award 2020

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- 1.1 The purpose of this annual award is to reward excellence in authorship for an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.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 By definition, the Mind Body Spirit genre is literature that demonstrates the fundamental principle that everything is interconnected and in relationship with all else. Submissions need to be consistent with this principle and demonstrate the connectedness between all three of Body Mind and Spirit and must contain a spiritual element to be considered.

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- 2.1 A single award of \$10,000 will be given to the author of an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.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 by June 30, 2020 and the award will be presented to the winner at a ceremony in Auckland in mid-August 2020.

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 2020. Submissions received after that date will not be considered.
- 4.2 An entry fee of \$25 (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. Manuscripts must be of a high pre-publication standard. This includes the manuscript's structure and its clarity of concept. Manuscripts should use language that communicates clearly, with sound spelling and no editorial lapses.
- 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 2020 and will close on 31 March 2020. Manuscripts received after the closing date will not be considered.
- 7.2 Entry is via the online entry form at www.awct.org.nz. You will be asked to attach a PDF copy of your manuscript to the entry form.
- 7.3 Please read the eligibility criteria and conditions of entry carefully before submitting.
- 7.4 Please ensure your entry fee accompanies your application. You will be directed to payment information when you submit your online application.

All authors are required to supply a short bio and high resolution (at least 1MB) JPEG author photograph for publicity purposes. You will upload these when you fill out the online application form.