

Magabala Books



2019 Daisy Utemorrah Award Entry Guidelines

Awarded for an outstanding manuscript of fiction in the junior and YA categories, including graphic novels, the Daisy Utemorrah Award is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples currently living in Australia. The winner of the award receives \$15,000 and the offer of a publishing contract with Magabala Books.

The Daisy Utemorrah Award is sponsored by the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund.

Eligibility

All nominations for the Daisy Utemorrah Award must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the award.

Nominated writers must be:

- An Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person.
- Entries must include a copy of a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent/Letter of Confirmation with a common seal from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander incorporated community organisation **OR** a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent statutory declaration form. *Please contact Magabala Books if you have any questions about this requirement.*
- Living in Australia
- Over 18 years of age or provide consent from a parent or guardian to nominate.
- Co-authored manuscripts are eligible in this category, but all authors must comply with all eligibility criteria.

The submitted manuscript must be:

- An original work. Shortlisted entrants may be required to sign a statutory declaration form stating that the work is entirely their own.
- Manuscripts must be within the category of junior or young adult fiction, that is: fictional works specifically aimed at readers aged between 8 – 18, including graphic novels but excluding poetry.
- Unpublished – this is understood to mean that the manuscript cannot have been previously published, or self-published, with an ISBN in print or electronic form on a commercial basis (publication of up to 10 per cent of the manuscript will be accepted).
- The manuscript must not be currently entered in other writing competitions, or under submission to a publisher, or subject to contractual negotiations.
- Entries of full-length submissions are recommended (typically between 40,000 and 100,000 words).
- Eligible manuscripts may be in English, Aboriginal English, an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language, or a combination of these, including a bilingual text.

Award information

- There is no nomination fee for these awards.
- Any manuscripts submitted for judging will not be returned.
- The copyright of any material submitted in the unpublished award categories remains with the author.
- The Prize in this category includes \$15,000 and a publishing contract with Magabala Books.
- Please note the following important information about this prize:
 - *Magabala Books will offer publishing rights to the winning author for the work to be published in the following year. If the author accepts the offer, Magabala Books will have exclusive worldwide publishing rights to the winning manuscript subject to mutually agreed terms and conditions.*
 - *Magabala Books will develop and publish the winning manuscript subject to normal publishing terms and conditions.*
 - *It is recommended that the winning author/s seek their own legal or professional advice prior to entering into any publishing agreement.*
 - *If your manuscript is shortlisted, you grant Magabala Books the first right of refusal to offer to publish the work for an exclusive period of 12 weeks after the shortlist announcement. Your shortlisted manuscript must not be submitted elsewhere during this 12-week period. 'First right of refusal' does not guarantee an offer of publication will be made.*

How to format your manuscript

Please prepare your nomination using the below format:

- Include a cover page that details:
 - the manuscript's title
 - the author's name
 - a synopsis or summary of the manuscript (max. 500 words)
 - any biographical information relevant to the manuscript (max. 200 words)
- Type or word process your manuscript text suitable for A4 size paper
- Use a plain font such as Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point font size.
- Use double line spacing with a three-centimetre page margin.
- Pages must be numbered.
- If submitting illustrations, please do not send originals.
- Any physical documents and materials submitted for judging will not be returned.

Can I enter if my manuscript isn't finished yet?

Yes. However, for your best chance of success in the award, the manuscript you enter – whether it's finished or unfinished – should be as polished as it can be, so it's strongly recommended that you self-edit and proofread your work before you submit.

Submitting your manuscript

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

5pm (WST) 30 April 2019

Option 1

Complete the online form, and in place of a book, please email your manuscript as a Word document or PDF attachment to Magabala Books, publishing@magabala.com

A copy of your Letter of Confirmation or Statutory Declaration must also be attached to the email.

Option 2

If you are unable to submit your work by email, please complete the online form and post, courier or hand-deliver one (1) printed copy of your complete manuscript and one (1) copy of your Letter of Confirmation or Statutory Declaration to:

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