

Australasian Association of Writing Programs (AAWP)—Australian Short Story Festival (ASSF) Short Story Prize 2023

This prize is offered in partnership by the Australasian Association of Writing Programs (AAWP) and Australian Short Story Festival (ASSF)

The Prize—

Publication Pathway and Networking Opportunity for Emerging Short Story Writers

Enter your short story to the ‘AAWP/ASSF Short Story Prize’ for your chance to win.

If you win you will receive: a ticket to the Australian Short Story Festival (ASSF) 2023, accommodation for the duration of the festival and economy airfares to and from the festival (*Terms and Conditions apply, see below).

In addition, you will receive fully subsidised conference fees to attend the annual conference of the Australasian Association of Writing Programs (AAWP), where you will be invited to read from your work. The editors at *Meniscus* will also consider your work for publication.

Take advantage of this stunning opportunity to celebrate the craft of writing at the Australian Short Story festival. Be welcomed into the thriving community of writers within the AAWP. Enter your short story and take advantage of this generous publication pathway and networking opportunity for emerging writers.

How to Enter

Entry is via: <https://meniscusliteraryjournal.submittable.com/submit>

For further information, please visit: <https://aawp.org.au/news/opportunities>

If you have queries or questions about the AAWP’s prizes, please write to: prizes@aawp.org.au

The submission fee per entry is \$20.00. Conditions of Entry and Terms and Conditions are below.

Conditions of Entry

1. This competition is open to emerging writers. Emerging writers will not have a full-length, single-authored, commercially published, print publication in fiction. Emerging writers who have published in electronic format only, or who have published work in collections showcasing multiple authors, are eligible.
2. The Prize opens in the New Year and closes at midnight (local time) on June 30, 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted. The winner will be announced on the AAWP website and the ASSF website no later than September 30, 2023.
3. Entries should not exceed 3000 words.
4. Entries can address any theme/issue.
5. When submitting your work (via Submittable), please use the section marked ‘Cover Letter’ to add your full name and a 100-word author bio (as you would like it to appear on any prize announcements).
6. Suggested formatting for the entry is as follows—line spacing: 1.5, font size: 12-point, font: Times New Roman or Garamond.

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7. The entry should be de-identified. The author's name, or other identifying characteristics, should not appear on the submission. Judging is blind.
8. You may enter as many times as you wish. Subsequent entries incur a separate fee.
9. The AAWP/ASSF reserves the right to disqualify any entry that breaches the Conditions of Entry. The entrant will be provided with written notification of the disqualification. If an entry is disqualified no refund will be given.
10. Entries may not be altered after they have been submitted.
11. The judges' verdict is final. The judges will not enter into correspondence or discussion about the outcome.
12. The award is for unpublished writing, including online publication.

Terms and Conditions

1. Copyright in the submitted work remains with the entrant. The AAWP will not reproduce any entries without the express permission of the entrant. If needed, a copyright licence can be negotiated after the Prize has been awarded.
2. The overall winner is entitled to a one-year membership of the AAWP. Entrants are not required to hold an existing membership, but if they are successful then their current membership will be extended by one year.
3. The overall winner will receive one ticket to the ASSF. If 2023's festival is cancelled or held digitally due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this will carry over to 2024.
4. Economy airfares for the winner to attend the ASSF will be covered up to \$200.00 for domestic travel within Australia. Airfares must be approved by the AAWP prior to booking and must be booked at least one month before departure. When travel is approved, funds will be paid to the winner via bank transfer. Costs associated with alterations to flights are the responsibility of the winner.
5. Accommodation is provided for the winner for the duration of the ASSF (up to \$500.00). Accommodation is arranged by AAWP in consultation with the festival management team. Funds will be paid to the winner via bank transfer when accommodation has been finalised. Costs associated with alterations to bookings are the responsibility of the winner.
6. AAWP conference fees (negotiated annually) are provided for the winner. This includes conference attendance (and all the benefits that entails). Extra fees (i.e. for the conference dinner, or for special activities such as workshops or tours) are the responsibility of the winner. Travel and accommodation are the responsibility of the winner.
7. Publication in *Meniscus* is not guaranteed.
8. The overall winner will always be credited on all copies of their entry/entries.
9. The winning entries will not be edited or altered by AAWP without the consent of the author.

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10. If your work includes Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) and you inform us of this, AAWP will acknowledge the language group or Indigenous community with an appropriate notice of custodial interest, to be negotiated with you.