

Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust Unpublished Manuscript Award 2020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- 1.1 The purpose of this annual award is to reward excellence in authorship for an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.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 teaching that everything is interconnected and in relationship with all else. Books in this genre have at their core a deep insight into the connectedness of body, mind and spirit. Often the genre will explore higher consciousness, expanded awareness, and enlightenment.

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- 2.1 A single award of \$10,000 will be given to the author of an unpublished manuscript in the Mind Body Spirit genre.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.