



## AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

### 2017 Young Australian Christian Writer Award

The Young Australian Christian Writer Awards discover and encourage writers of the future. A **\$2,500 prize** is given for the best unpublished manuscript by an Australian citizen under 30 years of age. Supplementary awards include a \$1,000 prize for writers under 18 years of age.

The winning work will have a Christian perspective or theme. Entries are judged with an eye to the: **Original nature** and content of the work.

**Literary style**, including suitability for the target audience.

**Contribution** that the work makes in meeting a need for Christian writing in Australia.

#### Conditions of entry

The award is open to Australian citizens normally resident in Australia under the age of 30 on 31 May 2017. Entrants will need to supply proof of age and citizenship, and details of their Christian community.

Entries must be the original and unpublished work of the author. Only one entry per person.

Entries close on 31 May 2017. Late entries will not be accepted.

Each entry must be submitted as a hard copy with a completed Entry Form attached to the front cover. The entrant's name must appear **only** on the entry form. Entries will not be returned.

A digital copy (Rich Text Format is preferred) must also be supplied recorded on a CD or memory stick or sent by email to: [admin@sparklit.org](mailto:admin@sparklit.org)

An entry will be disqualified if it is handwritten (entries must be word processed and printed), if the Entry Form is absent or incomplete or if the word count exceeds 45,000 words or is not stated. There is no minimum word count but a length between 10,000 and 30,000 words is suggested.

Entries are read and judged by a panel selected by the SparkLit Council. If, in the opinion of the judges, no entry meets the standard expected, no award will be made. The judges' decision is final. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw any unsuitable entry.

Copyright of submitted work will remain with the author. The names and photos of winning entrants and copies of their winning entries may be published at the discretion of the Society.

Finalists will be notified in July 2017. The awards will be announced and prizes presented during a celebration supper in Melbourne on Thursday evening 17 August 2017. All entrants and interested persons are invited to attend the awards event.

If you have any queries please email [admin@sparklit.org](mailto:admin@sparklit.org) or telephone 1300 13 7725.

#### Entry Form

Please complete this Entry Form and attach it to the front of your entry.

Title of entry \_\_\_\_\_ Number of words \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Age at 31 May 2017 \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have attached proof of age and citizenship (copy of Extract, Birth Certificate, Passport or other).

\_\_\_\_ I have attached a letter from my pastor or minister indicating my church affiliation.

I have supplied a digital copy by \_\_\_\_ email or recorded on a \_\_\_\_ CD or \_\_\_\_ memory stick.

\_\_\_\_ My name does **not** appear on my work.

The intended target audience for this writing is \_\_\_\_\_

I heard about the YACWA via (please circle) Press Radio Church Website College

Other (details please) \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration to be signed by entrant or identified parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18.

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name printed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Submit entries to

**The Awards Coordinator, Australian Christian Literature Awards**

**PO Box 198, Forest Hill, Victoria 3131, Australia**



The 2016 Young Australian Christian Writer Award was won by **Miriam Dale** for her manuscript

*The Weight of Hope*. This collection of poetry and prose is profound and insightful. Miriam Dale's enviable honesty and warmth make her a welcome companion. Her writing is candid and raw but above all hopeful.



The 2015 Young Australian Christian Writer Award was won by **Tim Sharp** for his manuscript *Undying*.

The Realms are at war and all Creation is in peril. Our narrator is a young assassin on a mission which brings her from her realm to ours. The action is unpredictable and her survival is in doubt up to the final act. Characters develop and mature realistically and offer insights into human nature. A bold plot delivers a powerful warning and message of hope.

You can read extracts from the winning works at:

[www.SparkLit.org/awards](http://www.SparkLit.org/awards)



You can follow the awards on the SparkLit Facebook page.



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