

2019 Australian Christian Teen Writer Award

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The Australian Christian Teen Writer Award discovers and encourages writers of the future.

A \$1,000 prize is given for the best unpublished manuscript by an Australian citizen under 18 years of age. Supplementary awards may be made.

The winning work will explore a Christian perspective or theme and incorporate, explain or encourage Christian life and values. 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 18 on 31 May 2019. 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Entries must be the original and unpublished work of the author.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 2019. Late entries will not be accepted.

Each entry must be submitted as a hard copy with a completed Entry Form stapled 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 memory stick or sent by email to: 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 15,000 words or is not stated. There is no minimum word count but a length between 3,000 and 5,000 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 August 2019. The awards will be announced and prizes presented during the SparkLit Awards Night in Melbourne on Thursday evening 15 August 2019. All entrants and interested persons are encouraged to attend the awards event.

If you have any queries please email admin@sparklit.org or telephone 1300 13 7725.

Entry Form overleaf.



The 2018 Australian Christian Teen Writer Award was won by **Jessica Dinning** from New South Wales for her manuscript, *The Mirror*. In an image-

obsessed world, a teenage girl's fight to overcome insecurity about her body and identity is depicted with insight and candour. The subject is highly relevant and the writing is inventive and stylish.



The 2017 Australian Christian Teen Writer Award was won by **Tanya Strydom** from Queensland. Her manuscript, *Sir Tain and the Peasant's Sword* is a

coherent and well paced allegory of Christian grace that is demonstrated not just in sacrificial death but also in community life. Tanya's writing is mature, inventive and polished.

You can read extracts from the winning works at: www.sparklit.org/awards

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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 2019

School

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

I have attached a letter from my chaplain, 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 award via Press Radio Church Website School

Other (details please)

Declaration to be signed by a parent or guardian.

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

Signature Date / /

Name printed

Submit entry to

The Awards Coordinator
Australian Christian Literature Awards
PO Box 198, Forest Hill, Victoria 3131
admin@sparklit.org



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