

## **Armadale Young Writers' Awards 2026**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By entering the Competition, you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions.

#### **Definitions**

1. In these Terms and Conditions:
  - (a) "Competition" means the Armadale Young Writers' Awards 2026;
  - (b) "Promoter" means the City of Armadale (ABN 79 863 269 538) of 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale;
  - (c) "Place-getters are entrants who will receive a Prize. "Winners" is the term used to define place-getters once their Prize of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>, has been awarded.
  - (d) "Prize" is defined as the monetary reward given to Winners of this Competition.

#### **General**

2. The promotion is open to Western Australian residents that meet the eligibility requirements in these Terms and Conditions.
3. All entries must be the sole work of the entrant and not copied from any other source. The use of any Artificial Intelligence tools or programs is not permitted in creating entries for this competition.
4. Instructions on how to enter and other details contained within promotional advertisements form part of these Terms and Conditions.
5. By entering the promotion, entrants agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.

#### **Who Can Enter?**

6. Entry to the Competition is open to residents of Western Australia that meet the eligibility requirements, and who are not excluded by clause 6
  - (a) Live within, or attend school within, the City of Armadale, Western Australia; and
  - (b) Are enrolled in school Years 3 to 12; or
  - (c) Are home-schooled and are the equivalent ages of children referred to in clause 6(b) at the commencement of this Competition.
7. The Promoter reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to:
  - (a) Verify the validity of entries and entrants (including entrants' identity, eligibility, age and place of residence);
  - (b) Disqualify any entrants for tampering with the entry process or for submitting an entry not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions; and
  - (c) Remove and exclude any entry that does not meet the eligibility requirements set out in these Terms and Conditions from the Competition at any time.
8. An entrant can only enter the Competition once.

#### **How to Enter**

9. The Competition will commence at 12.00am on 1 June 2026 WST ("Commencement Date") and will close at 11.59pm on 30 June 2026 WST ("Closing Date").
10. Any entry received after the Closing Date will not be accepted.
11. No responsibility is accepted for incomplete, late, lost, delayed, or misdirected entries.
12. In order to enter, individual entrants must:

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- (a) Submit 'Individual' entries online by completing the entry form online at <https://library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-young-writers-awards> and;  
Register your:
- (i) Entry Type (Home or School)
  - (ii) Category (Year group)
  - (iii) Confirmation of Terms & Conditions
  - (iv) Confirmation that your name is not on work
  - (v) Confirmation the story is your own work
  - (vi) Entrant's full name
  - (vii) Date of Birth
  - (viii) Postal Address (Including Street, Suburb and Postcode)
  - (ix) Parent Name
  - (x) Parent Email Address
  - (xi) Parent Phone Number
  - (xii) Title of Entry
  - (xiii) Confirm story is attached in Microsoft Word (.docx) format
  - (xiv) Attach the story (.docx) format
  - (xv) Word Count
  - (xvi) Name of School
  - (xvii) English or Class Teacher's Name
  - (xviii) Year at School; or
- (b) If you are a teacher, submit 'Teacher' entries online by completing the entry form online at <https://library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-young-writers-awards> and;  
Register your:
- (i) Name of School
  - (ii) Teacher's Name
  - (iii) Teacher's Email
  - (iv) Teacher's Phone
  - (v) Confirmation of Terms & Conditions
  - (vi) Confirm stories attached are in Microsoft Word (.docx) format
  - (vii) Confirmation that parental contact will be provided should students gain a place.
  - (viii) Category (Year group); and
- Then up to 5 x individual students details per form of:
- (ix) Student's full name
  - (x) Year at School
  - (xi) Title of Entry
  - (xii) Word Count
  - (xiii) Attach the story (.docx) format
- (c) Entries submitted must be:
- (i) In Microsoft Word format (.docx)
  - (ii) Typed on A4 paper with margins, preferably Times New Roman, size 12.
  - (iii) Pages must be numbered.
- (d) The entrant's name should not appear on entry pages.
- (e) Entries must be submitted from an individual only. Joint entries are not eligible.
- (f) Entries must:
- (i) Have 2000 or less word count.
  - (ii) Be fiction prose (no poetry, scripts or graphic novels or illustrations).
  - (iii) Contain only original ideas.
  - (iv) Be entirely the student's own work.

13. The time of entry will be the time at which the completed entry form is received by the City of Armadale and must be before the close of competition on 30 June 11.59pm WST.

14. The Promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion to remove and exclude any entry from the Competition at any time.

### **The Prizes**

15. There are five (5) categories:
  - (a) Year 3 & 4
  - (b) Year 5 & 6
  - (c) Year 7 & 8
  - (d) Year 9 & 10
  - (e) Year 11 & 12
  
16. There are three (3) monetary prizes in each category (inclusive of GST):
  - (a) 1<sup>st</sup> place \$200
  - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150
  - (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100Payments will be made via Electronic Funds Transfer approximately 1 month after the Award Presentation.
  
17. All Place-getters will also receive:
  - (a) A trophy
  - (b) A certificate
  - (c) One (1) free copy of the book containing all the Place-getting stories.
  
18. One (1) additional prize will be awarded to the entry deemed Best Overall regardless of the category, which will consist of a gift card to the value of \$50 (inclusive of GST).
  
19. A Perpetual Trophy with the Best Overall student's name and school will be displayed in one of the City of Armadale Libraries. The school of this student will also be presented with a trophy to keep.
  
20. All of the Place-getters names, school and stories will be listed on the City's Library website after the Winners are announced.
  
21. Copies of the book will be available for purchase from Armadale Library after the Award announcements, while stocks last.
  
22. The Prize cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.
  
23. The Prize, regardless of whether claimed, unclaimed, or unused, cannot be refunded, exchanged or redeemed for cash.
  
24. Place-getters will be contacted by phone, by the end of July. The recipients of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category and the best overall will be announced in early September.

### **How to Win**

25. The judging will take place by Monday, 13 July 2026 WST. The winners will be notified by telephone within 14 days. Entries will be judged by a panel arranged by the Promoters. Judges will determine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for each category and the Best Overall winner.
  
26. The Winners' names may be published in the local newspapers, on social media and will be on the City's Library website.
  
27. Place-getters will be presented with their Awards at an Award Presentation in early September.
  
28. The Promoter reserves the right to request that the Prize Winners provide proof of age and/or proof of identity prior to awarding the Prize. Identification considered suitable for the verification is at the sole discretion of the Promoter.

29. The Promoter's decision (including any decisions as to Prize distribution) is final and the Promoter will not enter into correspondence regarding the result.
30. It is a condition of accepting the Prize that the winner must comply with all of these Terms and Conditions and the Prize supplier's requirements. To the extent of any inconsistency with these Terms and Conditions, the terms and conditions of the Prize supplier prevail.

### **No Liability**

31. All costs incurred by the entrant associated with entering this Competition and claiming the Prize are the responsibility of the entrant.
32. The Promoter may suspend, vary, or cancel the competition at any time at its sole discretion.
33. The Promoter reserves the right not to present an Award.
34. While the entrant retains copyright of any works submitted, they also grant the Promoter an irrevocable, royalty free licence to use and publish the supplied work. In all such cases, every reasonable effort will be made to acknowledge the source.
35. All entrants unconditionally and irrevocably indemnify, release and discharge the Promoter and their associated personnel, agencies and companies from any and all liability, cost, loss or expense arising out of participation in this Competition or acceptance or delivery of the Prize including (but not limited to) loss of income, personal injury and damage to property, whether direct or consequential, foreseeable, due to some negligent act or omission or otherwise.
36. The Promoter and their associated personnel, agencies and companies will not be responsible or liable for:
  - (a) Any loss or damage whatsoever or personal injury suffered or sustained, in connection with the Competition, the use, delivery or installation of the Prize or any act or omission of the Promoter, or their respective agents, employees or contractors;
  - (b) Damage of the Prize, or any element of the Prize, or the winner's property during installation or transport of the Prize;
  - (c) Prizes that are damaged, lost in transit, late, lost or misdirected delivery, or if any element of the Prize is not provided;
  - (d) Any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorised access to or alteration of entries; or
  - (e) Any loss or damage sustained or incurred:
    - (i) If, for any reason, the Competition is suspended, varied or terminated at any time, with or without prior warning or publicity;
    - (ii) As a result of late, lost or misdirected entries;
    - (iii) As a result of any change in the value of the Prize, or any element of the Prize, occurring between the Commencement Date and the date that the Prize is claimed.
37. These indemnities and disclaimers apply to the full extent permitted by law.

### **Reserved Rights**

38. In all matters, all decisions of the Promoter will be final and cannot be contested. No correspondence or discussions will be entertained.
39. Failure by the Promoter to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights.

40. The Promoter reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or cancel the Competition at any time.

### **Privacy Details**

41. The Promoter is collecting entrant's personal information for the purpose of conducting and promoting this Competition, including for the purpose of identifying and notifying the Prize winners. Upon entry into this Competition, the Promoter may collect entrant's personal information, including name, address, age, telephone number and other contact details. The Promoter will not use this information for any purpose other than that outlined in these Terms and Conditions.
42. Each entrant's personal information will be handled in accordance with the Promoter's Privacy Statement. By providing personal information, each entrant agrees to the terms of the Promoter's Privacy Statement. The Promoter's Privacy Statement can be viewed at the Promoter's website at <https://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/privacy-statement>
43. By entering this Competition, each entrant acknowledges, agrees and expressly consents to the Promoter:
  - (a) Contacting the entrant by any means to let the entrant know about goods, services, or promotions/competitions which the Promoter considers may be of interest to the entrant;
  - (b) Disclosing the entrant's personal information to other persons or entities who may assist the Promoter in promoting the City of Armadale or running promotions or competitions, or use that information in any media for the Promoter's own marketing, promotional and publicity purpose without any further reference, payment or other compensation to the entrant;
  - (c) Including the entrant's name in future mail, email, SMS or other campaigns.
44. Each entrant's consent continues until the consent is withdrawn in accordance with the applicable law. Entrants have the option to withdraw their consent and unsubscribe from receiving any communications at any time.
45. All Prize Winners agree to be photographed and give permission to the Promoter for it to use such photographs for any promotional purposes whatsoever and royalty free.
46. By entering this Competition each entrant expressly consents to the Promoter disclosing their personal information to any other third party engaged to provide or install any element of the Prize for the purpose of fulfilling the Prize. Each entrant acknowledges that any other third party is solely responsible for its use of that information.