

# 2021 Pikihuia Awards

## Conditions of Entry

### 2021 Key Awards Dates

Submissions open	8 February 2021
Final submission due	12 April 2021
Finalists announced – up to six in each category	9 June 2021
Awards ceremony – all winners announced	25 September 2021

### Eligibility criteria

1. Entrants must be of New Zealand Māori descent.
2. Each award category is open to adults and school students.
3. The **First-time Writer** award is for writers who have never had their writing published, either online or in hard-copy format (excluding in a school magazine, on your own blog or your own website).
4. The **Emerging Writer** award is for writers who have had an essay, article or a short story published, either online or in hard-copy format.

### Categories

- First-time Writer in te reo Māori
- First-time Writer in English
- Emerging Writer in te reo Māori
- Emerging Writer in English

### Submission Guidelines

1. Entries must be original, your own work, not previously published or under contract, and no longer than 3000 words. It can be fiction or creative non-fiction.
2. Entries may be written in te reo Māori or English.

3. All entries must be submitted by individuals. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit. However, each new submission must be uploaded separately with a new entry form.
4. All entries **MUST** be submitted online at [www.mlt.org.nz](http://www.mlt.org.nz) as follows:
  - Title of the short story and category at the top of each page of the entry
  - Typed in point size 12 or more with double line spaces, and each page should be numbered
  - Saved as a .docx or .pdf file

**Do not include your name on your work; all entries are judged 'blind', i.e., anonymously. Your name should only be on the entry form.**

5. Entries must be received by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, 12 April 2021**. Entries received after this closing date will not be eligible.
6. Entries will be acknowledged as received but not returned.
7. Huia Publishers' staff, the sponsors (including their staff members), the judges, and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
8. Queries on eligibility or any other queries should be directed to the awards administrator email: [pikihuia@huia.co.nz](mailto:pikihuia@huia.co.nz)

## **Prizes**

- The winner of each category will receive a \$2,000 cash prize each. Two highly commended finalists in each category will receive a cash prize of \$500 each.
- Selected winners and finalists will also be published in *Huia Short Stories 14* – the contemporary fiction series published by Huia Publishers. Huia Publishers reserves the right to publish these entries without additional payment to the authors.

## **Judging**

- The judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Finalists will be announced on Wednesday, 9 June 2021 on the Trust website and in a media release.

## **The Awards Ceremony**

- Winners will be announced on Saturday, 25 September 2021 at the awards ceremony in Wellington.
- Winners must be prepared to attend the awards ceremony and be involved in promotional activities as reasonably requested by the organisers.