

Entry Guidelines 2021

Pikihuia is open to all Māori writers and encourages diverse Māori viewpoints and recognises excellence in writing in both English and te reo Māori.

Please read the guidelines carefully before submitting the online entry form.

Key dates

Entries open

8 February 2021

Final entries due (or entries close)

12 April 2021

Finalists announced

9 June 2021

Awards ceremony – all winners announced

25 September 2021

Award Categories

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

Eligibility

1. Whakapapa Māori
2. Open to adults and rangatahi
3. 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 on your own website)
4. Emerging Writer award is for writers who have had an essay, article or short story published, either online or in hard-copy format.

Submission Guidelines

Entries must be original, your own work, not previously published or under contract, and no longer than 3000 words.

Entries may be written in te reo Māori or English.

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.

All entries MUST be submitted online as follows:

1. Saved as a .docx or .pdf file
2. Title of the short story and category at the top of each page of the entry
3. Typed in point size 12 or more with double line spaces, and each page should be numbered.
4. 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. The Māori Literature Trust and Huia Publishers' staff, the sponsors (including their staff members), the judges, and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
7. Queries on eligibility or any other enquiries about Pikihuia should be directed to the awards administrator email: **pikihuia@huia.co.nz**

Prizes

- The winner of each category will receive a \$2000 cash prize. Two highly commended finalists (two runners-up) in each category will receive a cash prize of \$500 each.
- Selected winners and finalists will be published in Huia Short Stories 14 – the contemporary fiction series published by Huia Publishers. Huia Publishers reserves the right to publish 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.

Awards Ceremony

- Winners will be announced on Saturday, 25 September 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.