

ABOUT THE MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD

The Miles Franklin Literary Award is presented each year for the novel of the highest literary merit that presents Australian Life in any of its phases.

First awarded in 1957, the Award was established through the will of Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin. Miles Franklin is the celebrated Australian author of *My Brilliant Career*, and created the Award for authors “for the advancement, improvement and betterment of Australian Literature to improve the educational style of such authors to help and give incentive to authors and to provide them with additional monetary amounts and thus enable them to improve their literary efforts and work”.

Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd is the trustee of the Franklin Fund and responsible for honoring the legacy of Miles Franklin through the administration and promotion of the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

2020 GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

1. For an entry to be valid, the novel must have been first published in any country in the year preceding the Award (ie published in 2019 for the 2020 Award).
2. Self-published works are eligible.
3. All works must be in English.
4. A novel or play [“work”] written by two or more authors in collaboration is eligible.

5. More than one entry of work may be submitted by an author.
6. There is an entry fee of AUD75.00 for each work submitted by 18 October 2019 and AUD90.00 for entries submitted after 19 October 2019 and before the closure date on 6 December 2019. Payment must be made via EFT to the bank details provided on the application form. Please note cash and cheque payments will not be accepted. Entries are not valid without a paid entry fee. There will be no refunds. The submitted application reference number must be included in the payment description, e.g. MF001. This unique reference number will be provided via email once you have submitted your application form.
7. Seven (7) hard copies of each work must be submitted to Perpetual with each online entry.
8. A manuscript of a play is considered to have been ‘published’ and therefore eligible if it has been performed. For eligibility in the 2020 Award, a manuscript of a play will have been performed for the first time in 2019.
9. A film script is considered to have been “published” and therefore eligible if it has been filmed, even if that film has not been released. For eligibility in the 2020 Award, a manuscript of a film will have been filmed for the first time in 2019.
10. Play scripts and film scripts are also eligible if they have been published in book form within the specific time period but have not been performed.
11. The author must be living at the time of the Award being presented.
12. The Trustee reserves the right to refuse applications which are not considered eligible for entry.

EXCLUSIONS

1. Biographies, collections of short stories, children’s books & poetry are not eligible for this Award.
2. Judges will not consider any text which has only had ‘internet publication.’ Books entered may have had subsequent ‘internet publication’, however, all books entered must have been published in book form in the time periods indicated.

JUDGING PROCESS

1. Judges for the 2020 Award may call for books which they consider eligible, but which have not been submitted by publishers.
2. The following special conditions apply in the judging process:
 - a) The prize shall be awarded to the entry considered by the majority of judges to be of the highest literary merit and presents Australian Life in any of its phases.
 - b) If the majority of judges consider no novel is of sufficient high quality to merit the Award, the prize may be awarded as the majority of judges recommend, to the author of a play for stage, radio, television or any other medium that may develop, provided that it is neither farce nor musical comedy.
3. All entries must consist entirely of the author’s original work. If at any time after the Award has been granted to any entry, a majority of the judges determine that the entry did not comply with this condition of entry, the Award may be withdrawn and the author of the entry must immediately repay the prize money to the Franklin Fund.

4. Any determination of the judges in relation to condition three above is final. In the event that an Award is withdrawn from an entry pursuant to this condition, other entries submitted in the same year may be reconsidered for that Award, otherwise it shall be as if no Award was conferred of that year.
5. The majority decision of the judges, and of the trustee/its nominee on the interpretation of all Award rules and conditions, shall be final, and no correspondence with regard to the judges' decision will be entered into.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted online at www.milesfranklin.com.au

Application fees must be paid to the bank account provided on the application form. You must complete a separate online application form for each work entered. Payment for multiple works can be made in the same transaction. Once you complete your online application form, you will receive a PDF copy of the form and your unique application ID. Please ensure you include the application ID in the EFT payment description field.

PUBLICITY

By applying to be considered for this Award, it is agreed that the trustee or its agent may use any material or image(s) from any entry(ies) to further advertise, support and in other ways publicise the Miles Franklin Literary Award and any other arts awards or scholarships in its portfolio, including any sponsors of the Award.

TOURS, EVENTS AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS

It is expected that longlisted and shortlisted authors will participate in interview opportunities and events regarding the 2020 Award.

Publishers will be asked to contribute to author travel costs to attend media and promotional activities.

Sufficient notice will be given to either the author's publisher, or directly to the author in the case of a self-published novel, to attend related events.

Whilst it is expected that these conditions will be strictly observed, the trustee reserves the right to waive compliance with, or, alter any conditions.

COPIES OF NOVEL

Additional copies of the longlisted/shortlisted novels may be requested for promotional purposes.

PAYMENT OF PRIZE

Depending on your circumstances, you may be liable for income tax on this award and we recommend that you obtain professional advice on this prior to lodgment of your income tax return.

2020 AWARD KEY DATES

First close of entries:

5pm EDST 18 October 2019

Final close of entries:

5pm EDST 6 December 2019

Longlist announcement: May 2020

Shortlist announcement: June 2020

Winner's announcement: July 2020

All publishers with novels entered in the 2020 Award will be informed of key dates as soon as they become available. Confirmed dates will be posted on the website: www.milesfranklin.com.au

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

All online application forms must be received by 6 December 2019, and the hard copies of the novel are to be received at the Perpetual Office by 12 December 2019. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Address entries to:

Miles Franklin Literary Award
Perpetual Philanthropic Services
Level 6, 123 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

For a valid entry, a fully completed award online entry form, entry fee, and seven (7) hard copies of each entry must be submitted.

Please note: the only exception to this rule is any eligible book(s) which may be published between 7-31 December 2019, and then only if their expected entry has been established by an eligible entry form received by 6 December 2019. In this instance, only books received by Friday 10 January 2020 will be accepted for the 2020 Award. Each publisher and/or imprint may submit unlimited entries within the guidelines of the Award (if an imprint, please indicate the publisher on the online entry form). A publisher may submit the entry form and novels but must ensure the author is aware and confirm this on the online application.

Entries will not be returned.

AWARD ENQUIRIES

Award enquiries should be directed to:

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