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## The Word Awards are Open!

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The Word Guild is pleased to announce the [30th Annual Word Awards](#). Writers and publishers alike are encouraged to submit any written works published during the 2017 calendar year, for either the general or Christian markets.

This contest is open to any Canadian citizen or permanent resident who affirms [The Apostles' Creed](#). Entrants range from journalists and academics, traditionally published to self-published writers, songwriters, scriptwriters and those who publish their writing exclusively on the Internet.

### The Word Awards

honour the best writing published in more than thirty categories, including novels, nonfiction books, news articles, devotionals, columns, poems, short stories, song lyrics, blog posts, scripts and French books among others.

~Both writers and publishers may submit works for the contest~

All books entered have the exciting prospect of being shortlisted for the  
**\$5000.00 [Grace Irwin Prize](#)**

### Canada's Largest Literary Prize For Writers Who Are Christian

The prize is given annually, celebrating the **Best Book Published in 2017** by a Canadian author who is Christian. This award is to honour the late author, classics scholar, and ordained minister, Grace Irwin.

### Check Out All The Awards In The Following Divisions:

- [The Word Awards](#): For Published Books, Poetry, Songs, Blog Posts, Articles, Scripts, Columns, etc.
- [The Debra Fieguth Award](#): For works that address social justice issues.
- [The Best New Canadian Manuscript](#): For unpublished manuscripts.
- [The Harvey/Mackey Award](#): For new journalists.
- [Les Prix des Mots Catégorie Française](#): For french novelists.
- [Fresh Ink](#): High School and University Student Writing Awards
- [In The Beginning](#): Unpublished Writers Award

**Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by midnight  
January 15, 2018.**

All finalists and winners will be celebrated at our annual  
**Word Awards Gala** which will be held Friday, June 15, 2018.



**Could we ask for your help?**

If everyone shared this email with just three people we could get the word about our **The Word Awards 2018** To those who need to hear!

For more information about the **categories, rules or submission information** please visit [Contests & Awards](#) page, [email us](#), call 1-800-969-9010 or visit our website at [TheWordGuild.com](#).

**JUDGES NEEDED**

The Word Awards gains its strength from members and professionals like YOU! We are currently looking for judges for all categories of the Word Awards. To review the characteristics of a good WA judge visit our [website](#). If you find a category that suits you feel free to fill out the [Judge Form](#). Thank you for supporting The Word Awards.

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