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THE 2015 WORD AWARDS NOW OPEN

***The Word Guild invites submissions for The 2015 Word Awards.
Give yourself a gift! Submission deadline: December 15, 2014 midnight (EST).***

TORONTO, ONTARIO - [The Word Guild](http://TheWordGuild.com)'s writing awards are now open for submissions of published work in close to thirty categories. All entries published in 2014 with a 2014 copyright date will be accepted.

The contest is open to any Canadian citizen or permanent resident who affirms The Apostles' Creed and who writes from a Christian worldview. Entrants range from professional journalists and academics, short story and article writers, royalty-published book authors, to writers who have self-published their first book or who publish exclusively on the Internet. The Word Guild encourages writers to enter their work near the beginning of the timeframe to allow for any problems with submissions.

Entrants will receive a score sheet which may include judges' comments. In addition to generous cash prizes and a certificate suitable for framing, winners also receive on-stage recognition and industry networking opportunities at the Awards Gala, a prestigious annual black tie event.

The gala will be the finale at The Word Guild's Write Canada 2015 event. This annual flagship event is the largest conference in Canada for Christians who write. Attendees enjoy prominent keynote addresses and seminars featuring industry professionals from across North America. The goal of this event is to equip our Christian writers and editors as they obediently use their gifts to honour God.

ABOUT THE WORD GUILD

[The Word Guild](http://TheWordGuild.com) is an association of Canadian writers, editors, speakers, publishers, booksellers, librarians, and other Christian individuals who are invested in or employed in media. From all parts of Canada and many denominational and cultural backgrounds, they are united in their common passion to positively influence individuals - and ultimately the Canadian culture - through life-changing words that bring God's message of hope.

The Word Guild sponsors a number of awards programs for published and unpublished writers, including the [\\$5000 Grace Irwin Prize](#). The award is given in honour of the late author, classics scholar and ordained minister Grace Lilian Irwin. It is Canada's largest literary prize for writers who are Christian and is given to significant works. Last year this \$5000 literary award was bestowed upon Carolyn Weber during the June 2014 annual Word Awards gala for her book *Surprised by Oxford* (Thomas Nelson). In her memoir a skeptical agnostic comes to a dynamic personal faith in God during graduate studies in literature at Oxford University.

For more information about The Word Guild, The Word Awards, other awards or other events please visit the [contest page](#) or visit www.thewordguild.com and click on [Contests & Awards](#).