

**Nunavut Tunngavik Foundation
Inuktit Writing Prize
2020 Submission Guidelines**

Objective

The Nunavut Tunngavik Foundation (NTF) recognizes the importance of protecting, promoting and revitalizing Inuktit in written works and wishes to provide an incentive and support to encourage more Inuit to write and publish material in Inuktit.

Purpose

The purpose of the Inuktit Writing Prize is to provide:

- a) a monetary award of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) to an eligible Inuk who is selected to receive the Inuktit Writing Prize for their submission of a written work in Inuktit (“the recipient”); and
- b) an opportunity for a sponsored writing residency for the recipient; and
- c) An opportunity for the recipient to work with other Inuit such as writers, linguists, mentors, and editors etc. to finalize their written work;
- d) cash prizes for four (4) runner-up winners (the “Additional Prizes”), whose submissions will be compiled and published as well, adding to the repertoire of written materials by Inuit in Inuktit.

The amount of the Additional Prizes for runner-up winners will be as follows:

Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) - 2nd place

Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) - 3rd place

Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) - 4th place

Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) - 5th place

Eligibility

Any Inuk enrolled under the Nunavut Agreement over the age of 18 is eligible to submit Inuktit material for consideration, regardless of residency.

The following individuals, as well as their immediate family members, are excluded from applying: NTF Board of Directors and employees; Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) Board of Directors and employees; and Inuktit Writing Contest Selection Committee and Appeal Committee members.

Criteria

To be considered for the Inuktit Writing Prize, submitted written works must be in Inuktit, in the dialect and writing system of the authors choosing.

Submissions may be in the form of an unpublished book, a collection of unpublished short stories or poems, or an outline of a book or short-story collection.

- Submissions which are an outline of a book or short-story collection should have a minimum of 8 double-spaced pages and a maximum of 12 double-spaced pages.

- Submissions which are completed works (a book or collection of short stories or poems) are not limited in words or pages

Submissions must be in Word, Wordpad (.doc, .rtf or .docx), or pdf (.pdf) formats, in a legible font and size, in letter format (8 ½" by 11"). Hand-written submissions will be considered on a case by case basis, determined by legibility and the Selection Committee.

The Inuktitut written work must be an original work (including creative re-telling of Inuit traditional stories), which has not been previously published or is not under a contract to be published. The Inuktitut written work must not contain content written by other writers.

Requirements

Each submission must include an application form attached to these guidelines.

The authors name must not appear anywhere in the Inuktitut material either in the body, the title, or the electronic file name to ensure the objectivity of the selection jury.

Submission Period

The submission period for the Inuktitut Writing Prize will be open for a period of three months, **starting July 9th, 2020 and closing on October 9th, 2020.**

The closing date may be extended at the discretion of NTF.

Inuit may submit their application and written works

- online at www.tunngavik.com
- in sealed envelope addressed to NTI Reception, addressed to Inuktitut Writing Prize Organizers, on 3rd floor of #922 Igluvut Building in Iqaluit
- by fax to Inuktitut Writing Prize Organizers at (867) 975-4949 with a cover page identifying confidential contents
- by mail post-marked October 9th, 2020 to:

Inuktitut Writing Prize Organizers
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
PO Box 638
Iqaluit, Nunavut
X0A-OH0

Screening of Submissions

Submissions will be pre-screened by NTI Staff to ensure the submissions meet the requirements of the Prize.

The application form will also be pre-screened to assess all necessary information is included.

NTI Staff may follow-up with applicants to ensure completeness of submissions and application forms.

Only submissions that meet the minimum requirements will be submitted to the Selection Committee for review and selection.

Review of Submissions

Submissions will be reviewed by a Selection Committee appointed by NTI President comprising of experts in Inuktitut linguistics, creative writing, and publishing representing all three regions of Nunavut.

The review by the Selection Committee must be fair, impartial, and inclusive to all forms of Inuktitut written works. The review must also respect all dialects and preferences of dialects by the applicants.

The Selection Committee may give special considerations to a given submission to ensure adequate regional representation of all Inuktitut written works.

If there is a complaint of plagiarism, or if the screening staff, or a member of the selection jury suspects that a submission has been plagiarized, NTI will conduct a reasonable investigation and disqualify the submission if plagiarism has been found.

Appeal Process

An unsuccessful applicant may appeal the decision to an Appeals Committee comprising of up to three (3) individuals appointed by NTI President.

The applicant wishing to make an appeal may write an appeal letter which outlines why the appeal should be considered. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.