



## 2023 mindshare Awards Guidelines

The **mindshare Awards** are a poetry and creative writing competition presented by mindshare, the Mental Health Coalition of SA, Writers Centre of SA and Access2Arts.

The competition is an opportunity for South Australian writers with lived experience of mental health challenges to share their stories, showcase their skills, discover new creative communities, and connect with industry professionals.

- The awards open on [Monday 5th June](#) and close on [Monday 24th July](#).
- Entries are open to South Australians who have a lived experience of mental health challenges.
- While entered works do not need to be about an entrant's lived experience of mental health challenges, poetry and creative writing generated from personal experience are encouraged.
- Entrants may enter no more than 4 pieces of work in either one category or across multiple categories.
- All submissions must be the original work of the entrant and unpublished. (This refers to books or literary publications; works previously published on personal blogs are fine.) Copyright of all entries remains with the owner.
- On entering the awards entrants agree for mindshare and MHCSA to publish work online through their websites and social media, and print works for display purposes.
- It is preferred that creative writing is typed. If entrants need to submit an alternative format please contact mindshare via email before the closing deadline. **For administration purposes, documents should be labelled as follows:** First Name Last Name\_Title of Work
- After filling out the entry form below, please send your submission/s to email [mindshare@mhcsa.org.au](mailto:mindshare@mhcsa.org.au) with the subject line: mindshare Awards Submission 2022
- Winners will be announced at the **mindshare Exhibition Launch** on [XX](#).
- Judging is undertaken by a team of professional writers with their own lived experience of mental health challenges. Please note the judges' decision will be final and the judging panel is not obliged to provide feedback or critical comment on individual entries.

## Categories:

There are four (4) award categories that include both published and unpublished poets and writers. The award categories are;

### Unpublished Emerging Poets

For poets who are in their first 5 years of writing and have had no poems published. Entered poems must be no more than 50 lines.

### Unpublished Emerging Writers

Writers who are in their first 5 years of writing and have had no creative writing published. Entered prose must be no more than 750 words.

### Published Established Poets

Poets who have been writing for more than 5 years and/or have had poems published. Entered poems must be no more than 50 lines.

### Published Established Writers

Writers who have been writing for more than 5 years and/or have had creative writing published. Entered prose must be no more than 750 words.

The winners of each category will receive (as well as shortlist prizes);

- a \$100 gift card for any Writers SA resources or services
- a free 20-minute consultation with the Writers SA Director.
- mindshare Awards plaque
- opportunity to be profiled and interviewed on the Access2Arts website.

**Please contact mindshare if you need this information in an alternative format.**

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## mindshare Awards Entry Form

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Residential Address:**

**Contact phone number:**

**Year of Birth:**

(statistical information only)

**Tick category boxes for your entry**

- Unpublished Emerging Poets**
- Unpublished Emerging Writers**
- Published Established Poets**
- Published Established Writers**

**Signature:**

(by signing this entry form you are agreeing to the attached guidelines)

Please submit your entry to:

**Email:** [mindshare@mhcsa.org.au](mailto:mindshare@mhcsa.org.au)

**or**

**Post:**

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