



London Writers Awards 2019 – Bursaries and Access Fund

We know that there are numerous barriers to writers from under-represented communities accessing the support they need to move their writing forward, including time, space and money. The London Writers Awards has been set up to try and address these barriers, so that we can get to read and hear the work and stories of writers who are reflective of the society in which we live.

About the Bursaries

The London Writers Awards are free at the point of delivery – which means that there is no cost to any of the Award winners for the critical feedback groups, masterclasses, WritersLabs and 1-2-1 support they will receive through the nine-month programme. However, we recognise that some writers may need financial support to be able to participate in the Awards (e.g. to pay for travel, materials, child care etc).

Who is eligible for a Bursary?

We have a limited number of cash bursaries available for writers applying to the Awards who are:

- On a low income either on benefits or a minimum wage zero hours contract;
- Carers;
- Single parents;
- Care leavers;
- Experience of being homeless;
- Ex-offenders.

How do I apply for one?

If you consider yourself eligible for a bursary, please complete the relevant section on the submission form telling us why you need the bursary. You may be required to produce evidence to support your bursary application.

About the Access Fund

We have put in place an access fund that is specifically for disabled writers currently in receipt of disability allowance. This fund will be a contribution to the additional costs that may be incurred for you to participate in the Awards (e.g. to pay for BSL interpreters, additional personal assistant support, scribe etc).



How do I apply to the Access fund?

If you consider yourself eligible for the access fund, please complete the relevant section on the submission form telling us why you need the bursary. You may be required to produce evidence to support your access fund application.

Can I apply to the Access Fund and for a Bursary?

Yes. Disabled writers can apply for both the access fund and for a bursary.

How are the Bursaries and the Access Fund assessed?

Applications to both the Bursaries and Access Fund will be assessed by Spread the Word and decisions will be made based on the information provided and will be final.

Please make sure that you also read the London Writers Awards' [Terms and Conditions and Eligibility Criteria](#) before making your application.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the Bursaries and the Access Fund, please contact Bobby at: bobby@spreadtheword.org.uk

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