**London Writers Awards 2021 – 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 ten-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, childcare etc).

**Who is eligible for a Bursary?**

We have a limited number of cash bursaries available for writers applying to

the Awards who are:

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

contract.

**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 writers with a disability. By this we mean that you are currently in receipt of a disability living allowance/PIP. 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

access fund. 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](https://www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/london-writers-awards/)

[Conditions and Eligibility Criteria](https://www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/london-writers-awards/) 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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