If you are entering the Early Career Bursaries for London Writers 2024 by post, please complete this entry form and attach it to your 3,000 word written sample and post it to:

**Early Career Bursaries for Writers 2023, Spread the Word, The Albany, Douglas Way, London SE8 4AG**

You can enter online if you prefer through Submittable:

[spreadtheword.submittable.com/submit](https://spreadtheword.submittable.com/submit)

**Deadline for entries is 12pm (midday) Monday 25 September (**entries will not be accepted after this time).

Please also ensure you have read the **Eligibility Criteria, Terms and Conditions** and **FAQs** before you apply. You can view the **BSL video**, listen to **audio**, and read **.doc** versions on the Early Career Bursaries for London Writers website:

[www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/early-career-bursaries/](http://www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/early-career-bursaries/)

If you do not complete every section of this form, your entry will be inadmissible. If you have any questions or require assistance, please email Emily Ajgan:

emily@spreadtheword.org.uk with ‘Early Career Bursaries’ in the subject line

The Early Career Bursaries particularly welcomes entries from writers from the following communities:Black, Asian or Global Majority; working-class; LGBTQ; deaf and disabled, refugee, care experienced, experience of homelessness, experience of imprisonment.

**Your name:**

**Your pen name / pseudonym (if you use one):**

**Your email address:**

**Your postal address:**

**Postcode:**

**Your mobile telephone number:**

**Please confirm that you are eligible for the Early Career Bursaries for London Writers by ticking all the relevant boxes. Please note that if any of these do not apply to you, you are not eligible to enter.**

**I can confirm that:**

[ ]  I have read, understood and comply with the Eligibility Criteria

[ ]  I live in London

[ ]  I am aged over 18

[ ]  My income is through benefits or paid at or below the London Living Wage hourly rate [www.livingwage.org.uk/what-real-living-wage](http://www.livingwage.org.uk/what-real-living-wage);

[ ]  I do not have savings that exceed the amount needed to pay for three months of living costs (rent, gas and electricity, food etc.)

(Verification of your financial status may be requested at a later stage)

[ ]  I am an unagented and unpublished writer

(The Early Career Bursaries are only open to unagented and unpublished writers. For a definition of what this means please refer to the Eligibility Criteria: [www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/early-career-bursaries](https://www.spreadtheword.org.uk/projects/early-career-bursaries/))

**I am aware of my responsibilities in regard to notifying the relevant government body of any change in my circumstances or tax liability if awarded a Bursary.** **[ ]**

**Please tell us if you are from one or more of the following communities (tick as many as apply):** *This information is being collected to monitor the communities the programme is reaching. It will not affect your application or be shared with judges.*

[ ]  Black, Asian and Global Majority [ ]  Working class upbringing

[ ]  LGBTQIA+ [ ]  Deaf and disabled

[ ]  Refugee [ ]  Care experienced

[ ]  Experience of homelessness [ ]  Experience of imprisonment

[ ]  Prefer not to say [ ]  None of the above

**Eligibility Supporting Statement**

**Please tell us about your writing life and what you hope to achieve through the Bursary programme.** (250 words limit)

**Access Fund**

An access fund is available for deaf and disabled writers to fully access the Early Career Bursaries programme offer. This fund will be a contribution to the additional costs that may be incurred for you to participate in the programme (e.g. for BSL interpreters, additional personal assistant support, scribe).

**Will you require additional support to fully access the programme?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Please tell us what reasonable adjustments will need to be put in place for you to access the programme. Please enter N/A if you do not require access support**. (150 word limit).

**About your project:**

**Project title (or working title):**

**Is your project (tick only one):**

An existing project [ ]  An early stage project [ ]

**Is your project (tick only one):**

Fiction for Adults [ ]

Young Adult Fiction [ ]

Narrative Non-Fiction [ ]

**Please tell us about the writing project you would like to develop through the Early Career Bursaries and how long you have been working on it.** (300 word limit)

**Please tell us about how you would manage your time during the bursary period (12 months). What goals would you set for yourself and, apart from the time to write, what other craft or career development support would help you do this?** (300 word limit)

**Your Extract**

**The extract you are sending with your application must be from your proposed bursary project. Please append it to this document.**

Your writing sample should be: no longer than 3,000 words, typed in black, double-spaced, in 12 point font, paginated and not have your name on it.

If your name appears on the extract, your entry will be rejected.

Please print out and post your completed form along with your writing sample extract and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form (see below) to the address at the start of this form.

*Spread the Word will be in touch with all entrants week commencing 13 November 2023 with the outcome of their application. Please note that we are not able to return entries, but we will acknowledge receipt.*

**Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form**

We welcome and encourage all entrants to complete the Early Career Bursaries’ Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form. This form is for monitoring purposes only, completed anonymously and will not affect your submission. It will be separated from your submission on receipt.

As part of our Equal Opportunities monitoring we ask that Early Career Bursaries for London Writers applicants complete an anonymous Equal Opportunities monitoring form. The questions in this form are based on those asked by Arts Council England, our principal organisational funder. All information provided is anonymous.

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

[ ]  White British

[ ]  White Irish

[ ]  White: Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller

[ ]  White: Any Other White Background

[ ]  Mixed: White and Black Caribbean

[ ]  Mixed: White and Black African

[ ]  Mixed: White and Asian

[ ]  Mixed: Any other Mixed/ Multiple ethnic Background

[ ]  Asian / Asian British: Indian

[ ]  Asian / Asian British: Pakistani

[ ]  Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi

[ ]  Asian / Asian British: Chinese

[ ]  Asian / Asian British: Any other Asian background

[ ]  Black / Black British: African

[ ]  Black / Black British: Caribbean

[ ]  Black / Black British: Any other Black background

[ ]  Arab

[ ]  Latin American

[ ]  Any other ethnic background

[ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Not known

[ ]  Other, please specify:

1. **What is your sexual orientation?**

[ ]  Bisexual

[ ]  Gay Man

[ ]  Gay Woman/ Lesbian Gay Woman / Lesbian

[ ]  Heterosexual / straight

[ ]  Queer

[ ]  Identify in another way

[ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Not known

1. **Please tell us about your socio-economic background. What was the occupation of the main/ highest income earner in the house when you were 14? If you need some notes on these definitions you can find them online at:** [**https://bit.ly/ECBequalopps**](https://bit.ly/ECBequalopps)

[ ]  Modern Professional Occupations

[ ]  Clerical and Intermediate Occupations

[ ]  Senior Managers and Administrators

[ ]  Technical and Craft Occupations

[ ]  Semi-Routine Manual and Service Occupations

[ ]  Routine Manual and Service Occupations

[ ]  Middle or Junior Managers

[ ]  Traditional Professional Occupations

[ ]  Self-employed

[ ]  Short Term Unemployed

[ ]  Long Term Unemployed

[ ]  Retired

[ ]  Don't know

[ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Not applicable

[ ]  Other - Please specify:

1. **What is your age?**

[ ]  0 – 19

[ ]  20 – 34

[ ]  35 – 49

[ ]  50 – 64

[ ]  65 – 74

[ ]  75+

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. **Are you deaf or disabled, or have a long term health condition? (please choose as many as are relevant to you)**

[ ]  I am deaf, disabled and / or have a long-term health condition

[ ]  I am not deaf or disabled nor do I have a long-term health condition

[ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Not known

1. **Are you neurodivergent?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. **What is your gender identity?**

[ ]  Woman

[ ]  Man

[ ]  Non-binary

[ ]  Identify in another way

[ ]  Not applicable

[ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Other, please specify:

1. **Is your gender identity different to the one assigned to you at birth?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Prefer not to say

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