



Competition terms & conditions

Please read the following competition terms & conditions carefully before submitting your entries to the Brit Writers' Awards 2010...

- The competition is open to all British citizens worldwide and people resident in the UK who are aged five years and over (see **Awards categories** on the BWA website) on the closing date (Friday 18 December 2009).
- Children or employees of Brit Writers Ltd or anyone professionally associated with the Brit Writers' Awards may not enter the competition.
- Entrants may submit as many pieces of work as they like to the Brit Writers' Awards 2010 for a one-off admin fee of £10.95 (including VAT). However, entry is completely free of charge for entrants who have declared their association to a BWA member school, business or community organisation by using that organisation's unique BWA membership number – please read the FAQs on the BWA website for more information about this.
- The definition of 'unpublished' for the Brit Writers' Awards means that you do not have, and have never had, an ISBN (International Standard Book Number) for a publication solely in your name – even if the work was self-published.
- Writers without an ISBN in their name who have had their work published in a magazine, online or in an anthology are still free to enter the competition.
- In the songwriting category, 'unpublished' equates to 'unsigned' (meaning you are not, and have never been, signed to a record label either as an individual or as part of a group), or that a song that you have written has never been published by any signed artist or record label.
- 'Unpublished' spans every category – so a published novelist may not enter the songwriting category, for example, and a 'signed' songwriter may not enter the story categories.
- The only exception to the 'unpublished' rule is the Published Writer of the Year category. Entries for this category can only be submitted by an author's publisher. This category only applies to published novels. Entrants in this category are not eligible to win the overall £10,000 prize. To nominate in this category, publishers must submit work from three different authors and supply additional information and five hard copies of each nominated book to us (see **Judging criteria** on the BWA website for further information).
- All entries must be submitted online before the entry deadline: 5pm UK time on Friday 18 December 2009.
- All entries must be formatted correctly (see **Judging criteria** on the BWA website for details).
- Entries that are incomplete, illegible or corrupted, or that are submitted after the deadline will not be entered in the competition. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- In order to meet the national entry deadline of Friday 18 December 2009, BWA member schools, businesses and community organisations must select their own BWA mini competition finalists by Monday 30 November 2009.
- Please keep a copy of your work, as it will not be returned.
- You retain copyright of your work but, in submitting your entry, you give permission for the BWA to publicise and promote your work if appropriate.
- Winners of the Brit Writers' Awards 2010 will be announced at a gala ceremony on Saturday 27 March 2010.
- The judging panel will choose a winner from each category and each winner will receive a prize. The overall Unpublished Writer of the Year will receive £10,000.
- As a condition of entry, shortlisted finalists agree to take part in reasonable post-event publicity and to the use of their names, photographs and entries in such publicity.
- Winners' names and entries will be displayed on the BWA website.
- No correspondence will be entered into. The judges' decision is final.
- By entering the competition, each entrant agrees to be bound by these terms & conditions.
- The Brit Writers' Awards competition is organised by Brit Writers Ltd of 67 Lombard Street, Birmingham B12 0QU.

Encouraging and inspiring unpublished writers of all ages