

Williamstown Literary Festival 2020

Ada Cambridge

Poetry Prize 2020

For Victorian poets

\$500 first prize and publication in the Ada Cambridge anthology.

Competition closes at midnight on Monday 9 March 2020

Conditions of entry:

1. This prize is open to all poets over 18 years of age who live in the state of Victoria. The winner of the previous year's Ada Cambridge Poetry prize (in this case 2019) is not eligible to enter the current year's competition (2020).
2. Entry fee is \$15.
3. Poems may be on any topic.
4. Poems may be in any form, up to 30 lines in length.
5. The work must be original, written in English and not have been previously published. It should not have won a prize in any other competition.
6. Entries must be typed in Arial 11 font and be double-spaced.
7. Only **two** entries may be submitted per individual.
8. To maintain anonymity for judging purposes, the author's name should not appear on any part of the poem.
9. The poem should be uploaded as a Word document to the Williamstown Literary Festival's website at www.willylitfest.org.au. Please use your surname and the title of your entry as the name of your Word document. The website includes an online form for submitting your details, including your name, postal and email addresses, and the title of your entry, and instructions for paying the \$15 entry fee. If you have difficulties with this, please send your story as an attachment and email to a.brasier@willylitfest.org.au.
10. Closing date for entries is **Monday 9 March 2020**. No late entries will be accepted.
11. The poems will be judged in terms of originality, creativity and expressiveness. Entries should be carefully proof-read, as presentation will be taken into consideration when judging. Last year's winning and shortlisted entries, and the comments of the judges, can be read in the 2019 Ada Cambridge anthology, available at Hobsons Bay Libraries.
12. The prize winners will be announced at the Williamstown Literary Festival, in **June 2020**.
13. The winner will receive a prize of \$500. In the event of there being joint winners, the prize money will be equally divided. All shortlisted poets will receive a copy of the book and a certificate.
14. Ten poems will be published, including the winning entry, those highly commended or commended and all the shortlisted poems.
15. Authors retain copyright, but the Williamstown Literary Festival Committee reserves the right to reproduce the whole or any part of the poem in any format (whether or not it is a winning entry) for purposes of promoting the Williamstown Literary Festival.
16. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
17. Poems will not be returned, so authors should retain a copy of the original.