

APPENDIX: GOLDEN POINT AWARD FACT SHEET

Established in 1993, the biennial Golden Point Award is Singapore's premier national creative writing competition and aims to encourage new writing for both poetry and short stories in our four official languages – English, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil. The competition also aims to create a conducive environment for creative thinking and literary expression in Singapore and identify and nurture new literary talents by providing the opportunity for unpublished writers to be evaluated by a professional jury.

Open to Singaporeans and Permanent Residents, those who have yet to publish a full solo work in the genre they are competing in are eligible to enter the competition. Poetry entries must be submitted in a collection with a minimum of five poems, and not exceeding eight poems. Short story entries should not exceed 5,000 words. There is no age limit and entries may be written on any subject and theme.

The submission of entries opens on 1 March 2013 and will close on 1 July 2013, 5pm.

CATEGORIES

The competition consists of the following two genre categories for all four languages:

- Short Story (English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil)
- Poetry (English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil)

AWARDS

1st Prize	\$4,000, a trophy and a \$6,000 enrichment grant*
2nd Prize	\$3,000 and a certificate
3rd Prize	\$2,000 and a certificate
Merit Prize	In the event that none of the above prizes are awarded, Merit Awards of \$500 may be awarded instead.
Honourable Mention	Certificate awarded to participants who have shown promise in their writing. Up to 3 Honourable Mentions can be awarded per genre per language category.

**Introduced in 1997, the enrichment grant is awarded to first prize winners to assist writers in furthering their skills through participation in writing seminars, workshops and residencies in Singapore or overseas, or for publication of a solo work.*